The Parish Church Photographic Survey Annual Report 2017
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Welcome to 2017’s Annual Report. Unfortunately this year began rather badly and no fieldwork was carried out until the very end of May. Things picked up from that point and work began again in Somerset (not visited since 2015), Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, and Norfolk. Later in the year the first concerted effort in Surrey was started.

The recording work follows the same well-established pattern as in previous years; each church is fully photographed in a series of images of the exterior, then the interior, followed by imaging details of the architecture and recording all interior furnishings and fittings up to, and sometimes slightly beyond, the cut-off date of 1900. The average time spent at each church is in the order of 90 minutes, although some churches may require up to 5 or 6 hours if they contain numerous monuments.

The fieldwork is beginning to approach its conclusion. The total number of “rural” parish churches is in the order of 10-11,000, and I have now visited just over 9000. The number completed (that is, where photographic coverage is complete for both the interior and exterior) is just over 8100, representing a completion rate of 89%. The goal is to achieve better than 95% coverage of “rural” churches and better than 75% of the total number of Church of England parish churches in England with a completion of better than 98%. The completion percentage will always be less than 100% because some very small, basic churches which are locked, but where the interior can be seen through the windows, are judged to not be worth seeking a key for access.

The photographic archive now contains 480,000 images and is on course to pass the half million mark by the end of next year. The same equipment is still being used as in the previous eight years; a Canon 1Ds III with 17mm TS-E, 24 TS-E, 24-70L, and 100-400L lenses with two off-camera slave flashguns. This setup is complimented by Panasonic Lumix GM1 and GM5 cameras for photogrammetry and situations which require a micro camera.

One question which I have been asked several times this year is “how do you define a rural church?”. This is an interesting question because some churches that were once rural are now in urban areas. This

**Opposite:** St Michael, Mickleham (Surrey). 12th century tower with later buttresses and spire.

**Above:** St Michael, Oxnead (Norfolk). Bust of Lady Katherine Paston (d.1637) by Nicholas Stone. Cost: £200.
project has always erred towards inclusion. As a general rule the project excludes cities, large towns, areas within motorway rings (such as the M25), and the cathedrals but over the course of the project these rules have been broken many times. For instance, all of the churches in Exeter and Cambridge have been photographed and much work has been carried out at the cathedrals at Salisbury, Lincoln, and Exeter.

As in previous years the project has included some side projects. The main one is the Keyholder app which allows visitors to know the access state of parish churches as well as providing a lot of additional information. Further details can be found in the Keyholder section of this report.

Another project which I have been involved with is a proposed book by Dr Adam White on the Stone family of sculptors who worked in the first half of the 17th century. Starting in June I began a systematic photographic survey of the existing monuments and I have now recorded over 75% of them. Some of the preliminary results can be seen in the last chapter of this report.

C B Newham BSc FSA
Baildon, November the 27th, 2017.

Below: St Remigius, Long Clawson (Leics).
Survey progress

The following maps and graphs show the progress that has been made by the survey so far.

Opposite: The archive image space usage in terabytes, the cumulative number of images taken, and the number of Anglican churches visited and photographically completed through the years of the survey.

Report of Project statistics to the end of November 2017

Total field trips: 1832
Total number of images: 480025

Average images per field trip: 262
Most images taken on: jul1610 (650 images)

Total sites visited: 14538
Total Anglican churches: 9074
Total Catholic churches: 63
Total other churches: 322
Total other buildings: 5079

Total Anglican churches
Completed (exterior+interior): 8127 (89%)

Bedfordshire
  Total Places: 107
  Total Sites: 176
    Anglican Ch: 104
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 2
    Other: 70
    Ang Completed (e+i): 87 (83%)

Berkshire
  Total Places: 212
  Total Sites: 568
    Anglican Ch: 206
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 13
    Other: 349
    Ang Completed (e+i): 108 (52%)

Bristol
  Total Places: 1
  Total Sites: 2
    Anglican Ch: 2
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 0
    Other: 0
    Ang Completed (e+i): 0 (0%)

Buckinghamshire
  Total Places: 159
  Total Sites: 246
    Anglican Ch: 158
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 6
    Other: 82
    Ang Completed (e+i): 133 (84%)

Cambridgeshire
  Total Places: 159
  Total Sites: 317
    Anglican Ch: 185
    Catholic Ch: 2
    Other Ch: 11
    Other: 119
    Ang Completed (e+i): 169 (91%)

Cheshire
  Total Places: 124
  Total Sites: 140
    Anglican Ch: 136
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 1
    Other: 3
    Ang Completed (e+i): 107 (78%)

Cornwall
  Total Places: 269
  Total Sites: 434
    Anglican Ch: 263
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 14
    Other: 157
    Ang Completed (e+i): 252 (95%)

Cumberland
  Total Places: 172
  Total Sites: 201
    Anglican Ch: 185
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 2
    Other: 14
    Ang Completed (e+i): 173 (93%)

Derbyshire
  Total Places: 90
  Total Sites: 102
    Anglican Ch: 91
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 2
    Other: 9
    Ang Completed (e+i): 66 (72%)

Devon
  Total Places: 531
  Total Sites: 1094
    Anglican Ch: 579
    Catholic Ch: 5
    Other Ch: 65
    Other: 445
    Ang Completed (e+i): 556 (96%)

Dorset
  Total Places: 270
  Total Sites: 389
    Anglican Ch: 273
    Catholic Ch: 2
    Other Ch: 3
    Other: 111
    Ang Completed (e+i): 243 (89%)

Durham
  Total Places: 134
  Total Sites: 167
    Anglican Ch: 144
    Catholic Ch: 6
    Other Ch: 1
    Other: 16
    Ang Completed (e+i): 120 (83%)

Essex
  Total Places: 61
  Total Sites: 63
    Anglican Ch: 61
    Catholic Ch: 0
    Other Ch: 0
    Other: 2
    Ang Completed (e+i): 54 (88%)

Gloucestershire
  Total Places: 326
  Total Sites: 614
    Anglican Ch: 329
    Catholic Ch: 3
    Other Ch: 18
    Other: 264
    Ang Completed (e+i): 307 (93%)
Greater London
   Total Places: 7
   Total Sites: 8  Anglican Ch: 8  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 0  Ang Completed (e+i): 4 (49%)

Hampshire
   Total Places: 148
   Total Sites: 159  Anglican Ch: 152  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 7  Ang Completed (e+i): 135 (88%)

Herefordshire
   Total Places: 243
   Total Sites: 376  Anglican Ch: 240  Catholic Ch: 1  Other Ch: 5  Other: 130  Ang Completed (e+i): 235 (97%)

Hertfordshire
   Total Places: 153
   Total Sites: 401  Anglican Ch: 147  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 3  Other: 251  Ang Completed (e+i): 121 (82%)

Huntingdonshire
   Total Places: 95
   Total Sites: 234  Anglican Ch: 93  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 13  Other: 128  Ang Completed (e+i): 87 (93%)

Isle of Wight
   Total Places: 0
   Total Sites: 0  Anglican Ch: 0  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 0  Ang Completed (e+i): 0 (0%)

Kent
   Total Places: 188
   Total Sites: 210  Anglican Ch: 196  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 14  Ang Completed (e+i): 171 (87%)

Lancashire
   Total Places: 263
   Total Sites: 322  Anglican Ch: 301  Catholic Ch: 4  Other Ch: 1  Other: 16  Ang Completed (e+i): 252 (83%)

Leicestershire
   Total Places: 121
   Total Sites: 164  Anglican Ch: 120  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 4  Other: 40  Ang Completed (e+i): 95 (79%)

Lincolnshire
   Total Places: 408
   Total Sites: 490  Anglican Ch: 406  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 5  Other: 79  Ang Completed (e+i): 355 (87%)

Middlesex
   Total Places: 1
   Total Sites: 1  Anglican Ch: 1  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 0  Ang Completed (e+i): 1 (99%)

Norfolk
   Total Places: 556
   Total Sites: 726  Anglican Ch: 586  Catholic Ch: 2  Other Ch: 5  Other: 133  Ang Completed (e+i): 545 (93%)

Northamptonshire
   Total Places: 279
   Total Sites: 643  Anglican Ch: 275  Catholic Ch: 2  Other Ch: 21  Other: 345  Ang Completed (e+i): 265 (96%)

Northumberland
   Total Places: 190
   Total Sites: 280  Anglican Ch: 178  Catholic Ch: 6  Other Ch: 12  Other: 84  Ang Completed (e+i): 163 (91%)

Nottinghamshire
   Total Places: 135
   Total Sites: 153  Anglican Ch: 140  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 13  Ang Completed (e+i): 125 (89%)

Oxfordshire
   Total Places: 256
   Total Sites: 975  Anglican Ch: 252  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 45  Other: 678  Ang Completed (e+i): 230 (91%)

Rutland
   Total Places: 52
   Total Sites: 153  Anglican Ch: 50  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 9  Other: 94  Ang Completed (e+i): 50 (99%)

Shropshire
   Total Places: 301
   Total Sites: 473  Anglican Ch: 289  Catholic Ch: 1  Other Ch: 8  Other: 175  Ang Completed (e+i): 265 (91%)

Soke of Peterborough
   Total Places: 27
   Total Sites: 56  Anglican Ch: 26  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 2  Other: 28  Ang Completed (e+i): 26 (99%)

Somerset
   Total Places: 352
   Total Sites: 404  Anglican Ch: 358  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 46  Ang Completed (e+i): 336 (93%)

Staffordshire
Total Places: 47
Total Sites: 55  Anglican Ch: 43  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 1  Other: 11  Ang Completed (e+i): 23 (53%)

Suffolk
Total Places: 490
Total Sites: 720  Anglican Ch: 506  Catholic Ch: 3  Other Ch: 9  Other: 202  Ang Completed (e+i): 492 (97%)

Surrey
Total Places: 74
Total Sites: 77  Anglican Ch: 75  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 2  Ang Completed (e+i): 58 (77%)

Sussex
Total Places: 318
Total Sites: 540  Anglican Ch: 335  Catholic Ch: 6  Other Ch: 13  Other: 186  Ang Completed (e+i): 294 (87%)

Warwickshire
Total Places: 248
Total Sites: 624  Anglican Ch: 245  Catholic Ch: 6  Other Ch: 7  Other: 366  Ang Completed (e+i): 206 (84%)

Westmorland
Total Places: 80
Total Sites: 99  Anglican Ch: 86  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Other: 13  Ang Completed (e+i): 83 (96%)

Wiltshire
Total Places: 217
Total Sites: 284  Anglican Ch: 209  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 7  Other: 68  Ang Completed (e+i): 187 (89%)

Worcestershire
Total Places: 208
Total Sites: 402  Anglican Ch: 207  Catholic Ch: 4  Other Ch: 6  Other: 185  Ang Completed (e+i): 196 (94%)

York
Total Places: 2
Total Sites: 13  Anglican Ch: 13  Catholic Ch: 0  Other Ch: 0  Ang Completed (e+i): 9 (69%)

Yorkshire East Riding
Total Places: 215
Total Sites: 244  Anglican Ch: 216  Catholic Ch: 1  Other Ch: 1  Other: 26  Ang Completed (e+i): 206 (95%)

Yorkshire North Riding
Total Places: 302
Total Sites: 381  Anglican Ch: 300  Catholic Ch: 5  Other Ch: 6  Other: 70  Ang Completed (e+i): 274 (91%)

Yorkshire West Riding
Total Places: 303
Total Sites: 358  Anglican Ch: 305  Catholic Ch: 4  Other Ch: 1  Other: 48  Ang Completed (e+i): 263 (86%)
Keyholder news

Keyholder was released to the Google Play Store on December the 21st 2012 and so 2017 marks its fifth year of operation. The number of users continues to increased, as has the number of contributors of status information and photographs.

This year the app was made available on Apple iOS, something that users have requested for several years.

There have been nine releases for Android this year culminating in Version 11. Changes included increasing the length of comments to 511 characters, increasing the size of photos from 700 to 1024 pixels, adding the ability to load and save Notes, updating the Help documentation, and the addition of links to British History (VCH) and the National Churches Trust’s Explore Churches.

Keyholder users have now visited nearly 11,000 churches and have made 13,700 comments as well as taking over 10,800 pictures. The app remains by far the most comprehensive place, both on and off the Internet, for general information about and photographs of Anglican churches in England.

This year I’d like to thank Ginny Guy for having gone through all of the Victoria County History web pages for Herefordshire and to provide me with the URLs for each church. Thanks also to John Vigor, Sam Fernley, and Steve Dunn for testing the alpha version of iOS Keyholder. I’d again like to thank the other contributors to Keyholder who have provided detailed comments and taken photographs, in particular David Bissell, D. Brown, Steve Macdonald-Brown, and John Vigor for their numerous comments and photographs.

Keyholder can be found at:

https://www.parishchurches.org/keyholder-app

Statistics on current Keyholder coverage can be found at:

https://daephotolibrary.com:4650/keyholderstats/stats
Average church locking status derived from Keyholder visits. Each square is a 10 x 10 kilometre area showing the average locking status. The colours are graduated in 5 levels from blue to red. Blue: all churches open during the day. Red: all churches locked.
St Leonard, Charlecote (Warks). Skull on top of the superstructure of the tomb to Sir Thomas Lucy. Probably by Nicholas Stone, c.1642(?).
St John the Evangelist, Wotton (Surrey). Top of the tomb to John Evelyn.
St James, Burton Lazars (Leics). Stone head probably depicting a leper, 1250-1350.
St Andrew, Langar (Notts). Emanuel Scrope (1584-1630) on the tomb of his parents, Thomas and Philadelphia Scrope.
St Mary, Worstead (Norfolk). Interior of the nave. Arcade of the early 14th century, clerestory and roof of c.1480, and 18th century box pews.
Above: St Peter, Wymondham (Leics). Head stop, probably late 14th century, depicting a man with a lizard on his face.

Opposite top: St Lawrence, Effingham (Surrey). Wall monument with mosaic tiles to Caesar (d.1909) and Louisa Czarnikow (d.1911). Monument dated 1911. He was a sugar broker and, at the time of his death, the largest broker in the world with a personal fortune of 1 million pounds.

Top: St Mary, Tharston (Norfolk). A Perpendicular church.

Opposite: St Stephen, Careby (Lincs). Feathered angel on a 15th century cope later made into an altar frontal.

Bottom: St John the Baptist, Mersham (Kent). Interior of the parish chest. 17th century.

Next page left: St Nicholas, Great Bookham (Surrey). Bust of Elizabeth Shiers (d.1700).

Next page right: St Mary, Battersea (Greater London). Bust of Oliver St John, 1st Viscount Grandison (d.1630), by Nicholas Stone.
St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold (Leics). Norman font with a depiction of a man with a sword fighting dragons.
Holy Cross old church, Greenford (Greater London). Early 16th century glass, possibly from King’s College, Cambridge, depicting a windmill and miller.
St Andrew, North Burlingham (Norfolk). Man “playing” a dog on a wall post of the nave roof. There was a bequest for the “new roof” in 1491.
St Mary and St Nicholas, Leatherhead (Surrey). Funeral helm. Probably late 16th century.
Above: Holy Cross old church, Greenford (Greater London). Font given by Francis Coston in 1638.

Opposite: St Andrew, Frenze (Norfolk). Jacobean pulpit.
Above: St John the Baptist, Kinlet (Salop). Monument to George Blount (d.1584).

Opposite top: St Mary, Diss (Norfolk). Christ, 16th century.

Opposite bottom: All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts (Norfolk). Christ, 16th century.
Above: St Mary, Tharston (Norfolk). Recumbent shrouded skeleton on the monument to Robert Woode (d.1643) and wife, attributed to William Wright.

Opposite: St Mary, Fetcham (Surrey). Shrouded skeleton holding a spear and hourglass on the monument to Antony Rous (d.1631).
Above: All Saints, Wilby (Norfolk). Communion rails made not long after a fire that gutted the church in 1633.


Opposite: St Withburga, Holkham (Norfolk). Glass commemorating the repair of the chancel by Margaret Coke, Countess of Leicester (1700 - 1775).
In the years 1707 and 1708
This Church and Chancel were
repaid and beautified at the sole expense of
Margaret Baroness Clifford
Countess Dowager of Leicester
Opposite & Left: Chapel, Compton Verney House (Warks). Monument to Sir Richard Verney (d.1630) and Margaret (d.1631) his wife. The tomb is by Nicholas Stone and cost £90.


Next page left and right: St John of Beverley, Whatton (Notts). The two sides of the head of a 15th century lantern cross. One side shows the Crucifixion and the other St Lawrence flanked by two unidentified saints.
Previous page left: St Andrew, Brympton (Soms). Monument to Sir John Sydenham (d.1625).

Previous page right: St Andrew, Brympton (Soms). *Memento mori* inside the Sydenham monument.

Above: Holy Trinity, Goodramgate (York). 18th century communion rails and reredos.

Opposite: St Nicholas, Great Bookham (Surrey). Monument to the Andrewes family. Made in c.1833.

Next page left: All Saints, Castle Cary (Soms). East window of 1855 by O'Connor.

Next page right: St Andrew, Langar (Notts). Recumbent effigies of Thomas (d.1609) and Philadelphia Scrope.
Opposite and above: St Mary the Virgin, Isle Abbotts (Soms). 15th century tower and detail showing one of the figures; a man playing a musical instrument.

Previous page left: Church, Acton Round (Salop). Monument to Sir Whitmore Acton (d.1732), made in 1763 by Thomas Pritchard, in the purpose-built family chapel.

Previous page right: St Peter, Hook Norton (Oxon). Norman font depicting various figures including Adam, Eve, and Sagittarius.
Opposite: St James, Radley, Berkshire. 16th century painted glass, possibly a portrait of Henry VII.

Below: St Chad, Norton-in-Hales (Salop). Monument to Sir Rowland Cotton and wife.
In search
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Sir Charles Morison (d.1599 aged 51), St Mary, Watford, Hertfordshire. MP for Tavistock, JP for Hertfordshire, Sheriff of Hertfordshire, and Keeper of Rockingham Forest. The monument was made in 1619 and cost £260. The monument to his son is on the opposite wall of the chapel (next page).
Sir Charles Morison, 1st Baronet (d.1628 aged 41) and Mary his wife, St Mary, Watford, Hertfordshire. MP for St Albans and later Hertford. Made a Knight of the Bath in 1603, and created a baronet in 1611. The monument was made in 1630 and cost £400. The monument to his father is on the opposite wall of the chapel (previous page).
Sir Roger Wilbraham (d.1616 aged 63), Mary his wife, and daughters Marie, Elizabeth and Catherine, St Mary, Monken Hadley, Hertfordshire. Born in Nantwich, Cheshire. He was Solicitor-General for Ireland under Elizabeth I and had various positions at court under James I. The monument was made in 1616 and cost £80.
Sir Thomas Palmer, 1st Baronet (d.1625 aged 85), and Margaret (d.1625) his wife, St Mary, Wingham, Kent. MP for Arundel and created a baronet in 1621. His second son, Sir Roger Palmer, paid for the monument. It was made in 1624 and cost £100.
Lady Katherine Paston (d.1636), St Nicholas, Oxnead, Norfolk. She was the daughter of Robert Bertie, 1st Earl of Lindsey who was killed in the battle at Edge Hill. She married Sir William Paston in 1631. She died in childbirth. The monument was possibly made in 1636. The monument has been altered since erection.
Previous page left: Sir Thomas Puckering (d.1636, aged 44), St Mary, Warwick, Warwickshire. He was created a baronet in 1612. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Morley. His sister married Sir Adam Newton. The monument was made in 1639 and cost £200. It was commissioned by Stone’s friend David Cunningham.

Previous page right: Sir Adam Newton, 1st Baronet (d.1630) and his wife Katherine, St Luke, Charlton, Kent. He was tutor to James I’s sons Henry and Charles. He became Dean of Durham but relinquished this on becoming a baronet in 1620. In 1628 he became secretary to the marches of Wales. He married Katherine, daughter of Sir John Puckering. The monument was made in 1630 and cost £180. It was commissioned by Stone’s friend David Cunningham.

Next two pages: Sir Edward Coke (d.1634, aged 83), St Mary, Tittleshall, Norfolk. He was MP for Norfolk, Recorder of Norwich and Coventry, Speaker of the House of Commons in 1592-6, Attorney-General to both Elizabeth I and James I, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in 1606, and of the King’s Bench in 1613. He was knighted in 1603. Married firstly to Bridget, daughter of Sir Edmund Paston, of Oxned, and secondly to Lady Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Cecil, First Earl of Exeter.

This page: Anne Kempe, Lady Cutt (d.1632, aged 48), St Andrew, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire. She was the eldest daughter of Thomas Kempe and married Sir John Cutts in c.1599. The monument is only briefly mentioned in Stone’s notebooks where it is referenced as the model for the monument to Thomas Baldwyn at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, made in 1642.
Final word...

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the first photograph taken for this project: the lychgate at Long Compton, Warwickshire (shown below) made on the 18th of January 1997. In June I hosted a small gathering of trustees and friends for lunch at the pub in Long Compton and a tour of some of the local churches.

Thanks to all those, both known and anonymous, who have helped in making this project a reality.

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