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If approaching on A227 from Wrotham:

Approx 5 miles from Wrotham pass a parade of shops on LHS and take 1st right SP Sole Street, Cobham. In Sole Street take 2nd road on RHS (Gold Street). After 1 mile turn right at The Golden Lion. After approx. 600 yds find Parish Church sign. Straight on for 25 yards. Car park is on RHS.

Abbreviations used:

LHS = Left hand side
RHS = Right hand side
SP = Signposted

Toilets

Village hall only

Disability access

No steps between church car park and church nave. Short walk between church and village hall but steep slopes. Please contact for further information.

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Luddesdowne Church 150th Anniversary

John Briggs Lecture

Sponsored by the Friends of Kent Churches
Saturday 17th June 2017 at 3 p.m.

Speaker: the Very Revd Dr Michael Chandler (Dean Emeritus of Ely Cathedral)
"The Oxford Movement"



Thank you for your booking. Lecture in the church followed by a cream tea in the village hall nearby. The church will be open for viewing from 2 p.m..

Luddesdowne @ 150

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate Luddesdowne Church's 150th birthday.

Maybe it seems a bit strange celebrating the 150th birthday of a church with a 14th century tower! Indeed, a church at Luddesdowne is mentioned in the Doomsday Book and the Textus Roffensis. Nevertheless, 1867 marked a new beginning in the life of our church. At Christmas 1865 the church was found to be in danger of collapse and so was taken down and rebuilt, with the exception of the tower, at a cost of £2042. It was therefore essentially a new church which was reopened and reconsecrated by the Bishop of Rochester Dr Wigram at a special service held on Wednesday 23 January 1867. Over the subsequent 30 years or so new furnishings, stained glass windows and the wall paintings were added, adorning the church and reflecting the high church Oxford Movement tastes of the rector the Revd Alfred Wigan and his family. The interior of the church has changed very little since then and has been described by the Victorian Society as "an outstanding example of a small medieval village church redecorated to the best Victorian taste".

The John Briggs Memorial Lecture

John Briggs was a Canterbury solicitor who left a generous bequest to the Friends of Kent Churches. In his memory the Friends sponsor an annual lecture in a Kent parish church. All profits from the lecture will go towards the host church's restoration.

The Friends of Kent Churches

Founded in 1949, we are dedicated to preserving Kent's churches and helping maintain them in good condition. In the past ten years, through our fund raising Ride & Stride and generous legacies and donations, Kent's churches have benefited by over £2 million. *Members also enjoy visits to churches and lectures and membership details are on www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk or in the Annual Report.*

Dr Michael Chandler

Dr Chandler is an Anglican priest and author with a PhD from King's College London. He retired as Dean of Ely in September 2011 having previously been a parish priest in Canterbury diocese until 1995 and subsequently Canon Treasurer of Canterbury Cathedral. Dr Chandler is the author of biographies of the theologian H P Liddon and the priest and hymn writer John Mason Neale, SPCK's *Introduction to the Oxford Movement* (2003) and a historical introduction to the Oxford Movement collection in Canterbury Cathedral Library. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society earlier this year.

Dr Chandler's talk at Luddesdowne will outline the origins of the Oxford Movement, the development of ritualism and some cases from Kent.

Parking

Church car park or village hall car park across the lane.

Directions

Luddesdowne Church, Oakenden Rd, near Meopham, DA13 0XE

Grid ref.: TQ669662

If approaching on A2 from London direction:

Leave A2 at Gravesend (C), Wrotham exit. At bottom of slip road turn right SP A227 Wrotham passing under the A2. After approx. 3 miles turn left SP Cobham, Sole Street. In Sole Street take 2nd road on RHS (Gold Street). After approx 1 mile turn right at The Golden Lion. After approx. 600 yds find Parish Church sign. Straight on for 25 yards. Car park is on RHS.

If approaching on A2 from Canterbury direction:

Leave A2 at Cobham, Shorne exit. At the roundabout at the end of the slip road take the 2nd exit SP Cobham. After approx. 800 yds turn right at mini-roundabout and War Memorial. Continue through Cobham and take 1st left SP Sole Street. In Sole Street take 1st left SP Luddesdowne. After approx 1 mile turn right at The Golden Lion. After approx 600