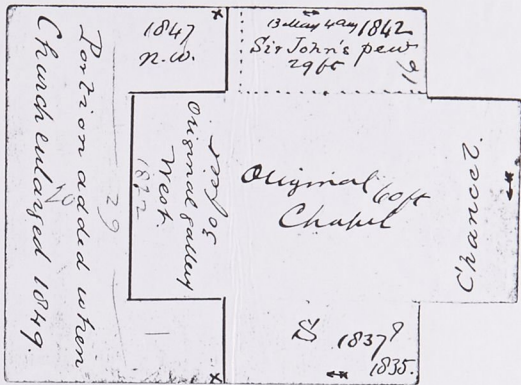
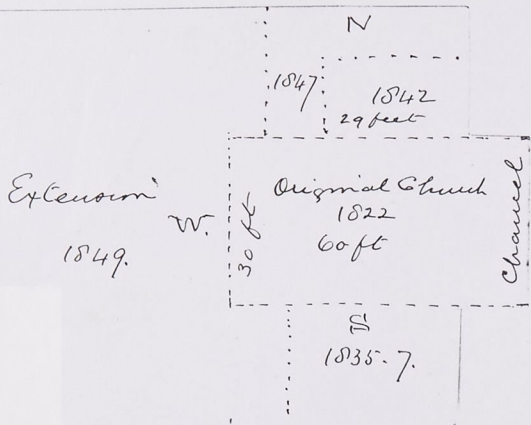


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## Sandgate Church War Memorial.

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In order to ensure that the Roll of Honour is complete and correct before the names are inscribed on the tablets in the Memorial Porch we are sending the enclosed list to every house in the Parish, asking you to read it closely and point out any errors or omissions by sending them in writing with full particulars, that is to say, names, address and qualifications, to Dr. J. C. O. Bradbury, Darenth House, not later than August 31st. They will then be laid before the Committee. The following will be a guide as to who are included as Sandgate men, Sandgate meaning the Ecclesiastical or Church District of Sandgate. "Men resident in or whose homes were in Sandgate at the outbreak of war or when they joined the Navy or Army, including those who have left and made their homes elsewhere provided their parents still live in Sandgate."

It is proposed to inscribe only one Christian name as on the list. If a different one from that given is preferred please notify us.

You are asked to shew this to any other family there may be in the house.

G. S. LONG,  
(for the Committee).

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### SANDGATE MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY. 1914.

Frederick Holmes, Sto. 1, R.N.  
William J. Epps, Sto. P.O. 2, R.N.  
Albert Fagg, Ch. Sto., R.N.  
Bruce Drayner, A.B., R.N.  
Bernard A. Cotter, Pte., Buffs.

#### 1915.

John Ayriiss, L-Cpl., Camerונים.  
Charles Hopkins, Sgt., R.G.A.  
Bernard Moore, Buffs.  
George H. Pratley, Pte., R. Bucks Hus.

#### 1916.

William Cotter, L-Cpl., V.C., Buffs.  
Albert Currie, Sgt., Gren. Gds.  
Cecil Prior, Pte., London Scottish.  
Robert W. Fullpot, Pte., Buffs.  
J. Archibald Brissenden, Pte., C.E.F.  
Walter Fox, Pte., R. Fus.  
Alfred Jarman, Pte., E. Surrey.

#### 1917.

Charles L. M. Scott, Capt., R.F.C.  
William Donelan, Sec.Lt., Buffs.

Robert Goodrum, Pte., R. Fus.  
Harry Whiting, Pte., E. Surrey.  
Ernest A. B. Alston, Lt.Col., Northants.  
Luke Chamberlain, Pte., Suffolk.  
Thomas Reed, Pte., Buffs.  
Walter E. Buss, Pte., Buffs.

#### 1918.

Thomas H. Jago, P.O., R.N.  
Thomas O. Foley, Sgt., C.E.F.  
F. Bennett Goldney, Capt., A.S.C.  
Alfred J. F. Maltby, Sec.Lt., R.A.F.  
George H. Stone, Pte., R. West Kent.  
John O. Hogben, Pte., R. Fusiliers.  
George J. Jago, Pte., Gloucesters.  
James Peacock, Pte., R. West Surrey.  
Ernest George Epps, Gunr., R.G.A.  
Edward Whiting, Sapper, R.E.  
Lindsay B. Scott, Lt.Col., A.O.D.  
Hubert Huckstep, Pte., R.A.F.

#### 1919.

Lewis A. Drake Brockman, Capt., R.M.L.I.  
Alfred Peerless, Pte., 1st Bedford.

### SANDGATE MEN WHO SERVED IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

Alston, William  
Alston, Robert  
Alston, Ernest A. B.  
Ames, Frank  
Ames, Percy  
Ames, George  
Anderson, George H.  
Ayriiss, Joseph  
Ayriiss, John  
Baker, Arthur  
Baker, Francis J.  
Baker, Edward  
Baker, T. Reginald  
Baker, Stanley  
Baker, Ernest  
Baker, Frank  
Bailey, James C.  
Baldwin, William  
Barrick, Arthur  
Barton, Thomas A.  
Bartley, William H.  
Bartley, Herbert C.  
Bateman, Ernest  
Biggs, Henry T.  
Biggs, Arnold  
Boakes, Richard  
Bradley, Herbert  
Bradley, George  
Brash, Walter  
Brooke, Cecil H. M.  
Brenton, John H.  
Brisley, Walter J.  
Brissenden, J. Archibald  
Brissenden, Duncan S. B.  
Brockman, Randolph Drake  
Brockman, Lewis Drake  
Brockman, Hilary Drake  
Buhlmann, Victor  
Buhlmann, Frederick  
Burden, William  
Burke, John A.  
Buss, Walter E.  
Buss, Charlie

Buss, Arthur  
Butcher, Ernest  
Caden, William P.  
Caden, Charles H.  
Cameron, John  
Cantwell, Thomas  
Cantwell, Frederick  
Cape, A. T.  
Chambers, Osborne  
Chamberlain, Luke  
Charlton, Edwin  
Childs, Henry  
Christmas, William H.  
Clayson, Herbert  
Clayson, Rolft  
Cloke, Charles  
Cochrane, Robert  
Cotter, George  
Constantine, Frederick  
Constantine, James  
Cottage, William G.  
Cotter, William  
Cotter, Bernard A.  
Cotter, Maurice  
Couchman, Walter B.  
Crockford, Charles H.  
Currie, Charles F.  
Currie, Christopher  
Currie, Albert  
Currie, James  
Cutter, Reginald  
Dobie, J. Jardine  
Donelan, William  
Drayner, Albert  
Drayner, Bruce  
Drayner, Edward  
DuBoulay, Thomas  
Elvey, John  
Epps, William  
Epps, Percy W.  
Epps, Sidney  
Epps, Herbert D.  
Epps, Ernest G.

Epps, Walter J.  
Eveleigh, George  
Fagg, Albert H.  
Finn, Walter G.  
Finn, George E.  
Finn, Edward J.  
Finn, Sidney F.  
Finn, Lewis A.  
Fletcher, Charles  
Fletcher, Henry  
Foley, Francis  
Foley, Thomas O.  
Foley, Vincent de P.  
Foley, Stephen A.  
Foord, Bertram  
Fox, Walter  
Francis, Thomas A.  
Fremett, Stanley  
Fynmore, Humphrey  
Goldney, F. Bennett  
Goodburn, William  
Goodrum, Robert  
Goodsell, Reginald  
Gosling, Graham  
Grantham, Thomas  
Griffiths, William  
Grover, Thomas  
Grover, Alfred F.  
Grover, Edward P.  
Grover, Frederick C.  
Grover, Walter E.  
Haines, Ernest W.  
Haines, Albert E.  
Haines, Harry  
Haines, Henry  
Hall, Lionel H.  
Hall, Percy T.  
Harrison, Frederick W.  
Hayward, William  
Hickman, Henry J.  
Hickman, William  
Hobbs, Thomas  
Hobbs, John

Hodgson, W. Horace  
Hodgson, Henry T.  
Hodgson, Frank  
Hogben, John O.  
Hoile, Harry  
Holmes, Percy W.  
Holmes, Frederick H.  
Holmes, Eric  
Holmes, Thomas  
Hooper, Arthur  
Hopkins, Charles  
Hoppe, George  
Hopper, Percy W.  
Huckstep, Hubert  
Hughes, Vernon  
Humphrey, James  
Humphrey, James  
Hunt, Harry  
Huntley, Percy  
Huntley, Kingsley  
Jsaacs, George F.  
Jackson, Ernest  
Jago, Thomas H.  
Jago, James  
Jago, Harry  
Jago, Alfred  
Jago, Richard  
Jago, James  
Jago, George J.  
Jarman, Alfred  
Jenner, John C. P.  
Jennings-Bramly, Harry  
Kedwell, Charles R.  
Kellock, John  
Kemsley, John H.  
Kennett, William B.  
Kennett, Frederick  
Kent, Frederick E.  
Ladd, Henry F.  
Lapwood, George  
Lee, William J.  
Longly, Lewis  
Luckhurst, Richard



Ludlow, William  
Ludlow, Herbert J.  
Ludlow, Daniel  
MacGregor, Walter W.  
MacGregor, Fergus  
MacGregor, Rhoderic  
MacGregor, Hugh  
McGregor, Robert  
McGregor, Alfred  
McGregor, Robert C.  
McCready, Maurice  
Man, Hubert  
Manby, Edward  
Massey, William  
Master, Arthur B. S. H.  
Master, Herbert F. H.  
Master, Charles E. H.  
Master, Legh C. H.  
Mayne, Robert St. G.  
Menpes, George  
Menpes, Frederick, J.  
Middleton, Harold E.  
Moore, Bernard  
Moore, Herbert  
Moore, Fred  
Moore, James G.  
Moore, Albert J.  
Moore, Thomas J.  
Moore, Alfred E.  
Oliver, R. Deane  
Osborne, William  
Osmond, Alfred

Overton, Charles  
Overton, John A.  
Overton, Berry  
Overton, Francis R.  
Overton, Walter  
Packham, William C.  
Packham, William C.  
Packham, Walter F.  
Page, Thomas R. W.  
Palk, Charles H. L.  
Pearce, W. Frank  
Peebles, Robert  
Peerless, Alfred  
Peerless, William  
Peerless, John  
Persey, Albert E.  
Philpott, Robert W.  
Philpott, John  
Philpott, Herbert  
Philpott, Markham  
Philpott, Stephen  
Pilcher, Sidney  
Pilcher, William  
Pilcher, Frederick  
Pilcher, Arthur  
Pratley, George H.  
Pratley, Francis  
Prescott, John  
Prescott, James  
Prior, Cecil  
Prior, Edmund  
Prior, Albert

Pryor, Joseph  
Pryor, Leslie  
Quaife, Ernest  
Reed, Robert J.  
Reed, Thomas  
Reeves, Richard  
Roberts, Henry J.  
Rossiter, Thomas S.  
Russell, William  
Russell, Henry  
Russell, Edward  
Russell, Augustus  
Russell, George  
Russell, Ernest G.  
Russell, Albert J.  
Russell, Charles S.  
Sadler, John  
Sadler, Ernest  
Sadler, Fred  
Sadler, Edward  
Sargent, Harry  
Scott, Lindsay B. S.  
Scott, Charles L. M.  
Sillibourne, Gordon  
Sillibourne, Stanley  
Sillibourne, Joseph  
Sinclair, David  
Skannon, Henry  
Shirt, Arthur J.  
Smith, Frederic  
Smith, H.  
Solway, Robert

Solway, Robert  
Solway, James  
Stone, Henry  
Stone, George  
Stone, George A.  
Stoyle, George H.  
Sudds, John  
Swinden, Roy J. S.  
Tampin, Charles F.  
Taylor, Thomas N.  
Taylor, James A.  
Temple, Greenville M.  
Thompson, Wilfred S.  
Tracey, Francis  
Tracey, Alfred  
Tracey, John  
Trill, William  
Tribe, Arthur  
Ulyett, Gordon  
West, Robert H.  
West, William  
Whitbourne, Arthur  
White, Albert  
Whiting, Harry N.  
Whiting, Alfred T.  
Whiting, Edward F.  
Whiting, George A.  
Wiehe, F. George A.  
Wiehe, George I.  
Wood, Charles

**SANDGATE ROLL OF HONOUR,**

**1914—1919.**



# Soldier of Christ remembered



**MAN OF ACTION:** The war took Alan Gibson from the Blitz in Battersea to the beaches of Anzio

**T**HE FORMER Vicar of Sandgate, the Rev Alan Gibson, has died aged 87.

He achieved brief worldwide fame by offering to fill parishioners' hot water bottles from the vestry kettle because the church was too cold.

Mr Gibson came from an old, established Folkestone family and after a distinguished career as an Army chaplain he took charge at Sandgate in 1964.

Although he retired 23 years ago, he remained in the ministry as chaplain at St Mary's Hospital Chapel in Etchinghill.

He also threw himself into his lifelong passion for local history, giving regular lectures on the subject.

## Family firm

Born in 1911, he attended St Paul's School in London and left at 16 to join the family building firm in Folkestone.

He became a chairman and Scout leader at All Souls' Church, Cheriton, where he received his calling to become a priest.

He studied theology at King's College in the capital and was ordained in 1938.

Four years later he was appointed chaplain to the Forces after having been a curate and air raid warden in Battersea as the Blitz raged across London.

He was posted to the 1st Infantry Division, serving with the Royal Artillery regiments during the Tunisian and Italian campaigns.

## Shelling

Mr Gibson became a popular figure with the 81st Tank Regiment after riding through heavy shelling on a motorcycle to visit them.

He attracted large congregations to his field services where he would often play his fife to accompany hymns if no other instrument was available.

He became a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) after the Battle of Anzio in 1944.

In 1945 he was posted to Mount Zion College, Jerusalem, which ran religious course for soldiers.

On a visit to the Lachish site, he discovered a Hebrew-Egyptian merchant's seal dating from the eighth

by **Simon Finlay**

century BC, now on display at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

After the war he was posted to various places throughout the world before leaving the Army after 22 years to become the vicar at Sandgate.

In the winter of 1974, he suggested in the parish magazine that worshippers could bring hot water bottles to midweek communion which he offered to fill in the vestry.

The local Press took photos and after

they had appeared in the national newspapers even the BBC World Service took notice.

Australian and Canadian papers picked up the tale with headlines such as: "Hot gossiping as vicar launches Operation Bottle."

He retired in 1976 but celebrated 50 years as an ordained priest some years later.

A few years ago he moved to Winchester in Hampshire to be nearer his son, David.

He married Ailsa Ross-Smith in 1942 and they had two children.



**LONG SERVICE:** The Rev Alan Gibson was vicar of Sandgate from 1964 until his retirement in 1976



# MBE for stalwart of Victim Support

THE old woman bore her ordeal with a brave and silent dignity.

Even though she had been scared witless by the two drunks who had invaded her home late at night. Even when they beat her and sexually assaulted her. Even as they tied her to a chair, kicked it from the front and sent her reeling.

When her attackers finally fell into a drunken slumber, the old lady wriggled free and clambered through a window.

Determined not to be intimidated by her tormentors, police questions or the courts, she stuck to her guns and saw the pair sent down for 14 years.

For Judith Lansdell, Folkestone's most recent Member of the Order of the British Empire, this old lady's story was a defining moment.

As a magistrates clerk in Folkestone for many years until her retirement in 1981, Mrs Lansdell had seen all sides of crime and punishment – the perpetrators, law enforcers, purveyors of justice and, of course, the victims.

But after hearing of the old woman's terrible plight she resolved that those left in the wake of criminal behaviour should become her priority. After retiring 18 years ago, she joined the then fledgling Victim Support Shepway.

The widow from Etchinghill has worked tirelessly for the charity ever since, and, last Tuesday, was awarded the MBE by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Lansdell said: "It angers me that there are so many organisations dedicated to offenders and so few to the victims, even now. You would have thought that our sympathy, understanding and comfort should go to the victim of crime not the criminal. Not these days."

If you get the impression that Mrs

by Simon Finlay

Lansdell is not fond of hand-wringing types prepared to understand the underlying social 'issues' behind crime, you would be absolutely right.

She said: "Poverty and bad housing are not excuses for crime. Discipline has gone. You can't discipline in the home and certainly not in school. There are so many rules and regulations that children no longer have any respect for their parents, their teachers and they don't fear the law."

"Nearly 20 years ago I visited a prison.

**'The inmates just lounged about and called the prison officers by their first names. It's bonkers'**

The inmates called the prison officers and they stood to one side if a visitor walked past. The warders were smartly turned out.

"I went back recently. The prison officers had long hair and their caps weren't on properly. The inmates just lounged about and called the prison officers by their first names. It's bonkers."

Mrs Lansdell agrees there is no quick panacea to Britain's burgeoning crime figures – but feels hard labour inside might be a start.

She said: "I was in Australia some time back and I visited a prison where they marched prisoners through the streets at the double with full pack and an

arrow up their backs so everyone could see them. Then they were marched into the bush in searing temperatures, again with full pack. They set up camp and for the next fortnight they broke rocks.

"The re-offending rate was 15 per cent – and those were the idiots and hardened criminals. The other 85 per cent were young men who realised it was a most unpleasant way to serve a sentence and never wanted to have to do it again. They changed their ways."

Mrs Lansdell moved to Folkestone with her late husband Harry in 1962 "because he wanted a boat."

Working at the magistrates court, she began to see the blunt end of a prosperous little town like Folkestone in the 1960s.

She said: "I always thought that so much was done for the offenders but nothing for their victims. The victims became witnesses in court and it was always possible for them to come face to face with their attackers.

"It was my priority that ushers looked after the victims of crime and made them feel as comfortable as possible. That was why I joined Victim Support."

Eighteen years on, her work has been recognised, after being nominated for her MBE by South East Kent Police Supt Chris Eyre, Victim Support chairman Lyvie De Haan and MP Michael Howard.

On the visit to Buckingham Palace – she was accompanied by her step-son Frank – Mrs Lansdell received her award from Prince Charles because the Queen was abroad. She said: "Prince Charles was lovely. He asked when Victim Support Shepway was set up and said it was a good thing that we were there for victims. He told us to keep up the good work and I hope we can."



HIGH HONOUR: Judith Lansdell with her award 7A/4976E/99

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Thomas Clarkson



Burkes Peerage & Baronetage, p.664

Sir John Duncan Bligh, 4th son of 4th Earl of Darnley, married firstly: 19 Dec 1835 Elizabeth Mary (who d. 22 July 1837) only daughter of Thomas Gisborne M.P. and had an only daughter.

Sir John married secondly 28 Nov 1865 Anne Julia, 4th daughter of the Rev. Francis and Lady Catherine Brownlow. She died without issue 19 July 1882.

SIR JOHN DUNCAN BLIGH AND SANDGATE CHURCH  
(By the Vicar)

Looking back to early benefactors of Sandgate Church, as we keep its 150th anniversary, we include a tribute in memory of the Honourable Sir John Duncan Bligh. His generous gift of additional land from the Enbrook estate enabled parishioners to build the larger church which we have today in place of the original chapel-of-ease provided by his father.

We acknowledge again our dependence on the sources of information quoted in the tribute to our first patron, John, 4th Earl of Darnley. They are the books: "Edward, 5th Earl of Darnley" by Lady Elizabeth Cust, and "This was a Man" by E. Wingfield-Stratford. The former is available for reference in Folkestone Public Library.

John Duncan, born in 1798, was the younger son of the 4th Earl. His elder brother Edward, Lord Clifton married Emma Parnell, an Irish lady of very strict religious views, and was to inherit the title. There were two sisters, the Ladies Mary and Elizabeth Bligh. Mary married her cousin, Charles Brownlow, afterwards Lord Lurgan, and died in 1823. Elizabeth married his brother the Rev. John Brownlow who later became the sixth Vicar of Sandgate (1852-58).

John, after distinguishing himself in sports at Eton, began a diplomatic career with the Foreign Office in 1823 when he joined the staff of Lord Granville, Ambassador at Paris. Later appointments were to embassies at Lisbon, Florence, and St. Petersburg, and his distinguished service was rewarded with a Knighthood. He married Elizabeth Gisborne, but she died soon after the birth of their only child, Elizabeth, and he remained a widower for the rest of his life. !!!

He was at Florence in 1831 - the year in which both the Earl and the Countess died. His brother Edward became the 5th Earl but died after a wood-cutting accident in Cobham in 1835. He had several children, and his son John, while still a boy, became the 6th Earl.

Sir John Bligh became guardian to his brother's children, sharing this responsibility with the Rev. Dr. Longley, who was connected with the Blighs by marriage, and later became Archbishop of Canterbury.

John Groom's Association for the Disabled. There will be a Guild Stall at the Fete organised by the League of Friends of R. V. H. at Radnor Park on 26th August. Gifts for the stall may be handed to Mrs. Sillibourne, Sandgate High Street or on the day, after 11 a. m. Cakes also welcome.

DIAMOND WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilbert of Seabrook, who are members of Sandgate Over 60s Club. A surprise celebration was provided by the Club on 19th July, when a presentation was made.

CLOSING OF SANDGATE METHODIST CHURCH: It is with much regret that we learn of the closing of Sandgate Methodist Church at the end of August. It has been a centre of Christian worship for about the same time as our own, the original Chapel having been started in Wilberforce Road (Chapel Street). In the days when Shorncliffe Camp was full of soldiers the Army helped towards its maintenance as the Garrison Methodist Church, but in recent years the increasing expenses of maintenance have made it impossible for the local members to keep it going. The intention is for Folkestone and Sandgate Methodists to have a new central Church in place of several, and this will in due time replace that at Grace Hill, which is in need of costly repair. Meanwhile we shall welcome any who would like to come to St. Paul's when unable to travel to Folkestone or Cheriton, without their ceasing to be Methodist in normal membership. We send our greetings to the Rev. Raymond Mace, who has had to retire on account of recent illness, and who has preached many times in St. Paul's Church.

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#### P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S . . . .

HOLY BAPTISM: July 16th: Maria Ruth Dixon

HOLY MATRIMONY: July 1st: Anthony Thomas Curtis  
and Anne Goble.

July 15th: John Albert Larkan  
Clarke and Judith Irene Moore.  
William Henry Boniface and  
Lilian May Foreman.

R. I. P. June 19: Florence Mary Collyer  
July 5: Theresa Bell Walters.

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Sir John took a special interest in his nephew and ward, the Hon. Edward Vesey Bligh, for whom he prepared a career with the Foreign Office. He had now reached a post of diplomatic distinction as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Hanover - prior to its annexation by Prussia.

In 1845 the young Edward spent a year with his uncle, who sent him to stay at a small village near Hanover to improve his German, and lent him a horse. It is from the memoirs of Edward Vesey Bligh - the subject of Mr. Wingfield-Stratford's book, that we have a few glimpses of Sir John Bligh at this time, and they are very pleasant pictures.

Edward Bligh comments: "I was not overcome by the very small amount of weighty measures of State which came under my notice at Hanover. My Uncle, no doubt under the impression common to men who enjoy a position of distinction and an income running into thousands of pounds per annum, considered the little kingdom of Hanover might turn the scale in the balance of power of nations. I confess I never rightly saw the sense of maintaining such expensive functionaries for the small Courts of Europe. It used to be said however, in defence of these "safe places" that sometimes matters leaked out or were heard of first among the courtiers and diplomats of those Courts which were important to the general issue, and ought to be reported upon forthwith to the Foreign Office in England." The young nephew made a dutiful start as a diplomat, but gave it up to become a parson, becoming Rector of Rotherfield; then of Birling, and finally settled-down as Squire and J.P. at Fartherwell Hall, near Maidstone.

From the elegant background of European court life in the Victorian age, Sir John Bligh retired to find peace at Sandgate, where he had Darnley House rebuilt and renamed Enbrook. It seems that he inherited the estate from his father, but that it was probably used by other members of the Bligh family during his absence abroad. The architect S. S. Teulon - who designed our present church - also designed the new Enbrook residence.

By 1848 the parishioners of Sandgate had decided that a larger Church should be built in place of the small Chapel-of-Ease. The arrival of the railway had led to

an increase in Sandgate's population, and there was also the development of Shorncliffe Camp with its military families. This was in the time of the Rev. S. J. Gambier who was Minister or Perpetual Curate - since the Chapel-of-Ease had not yet been constituted as a Parish Church.

Sir John generously provided a gift of additional land, enlarging the site given originally by his father, so that a larger church - in Victorian Gothic style - could be erected, still under the patronage of his family. This was built in 1849 and, with galleries, could seat 890. A small private gallery for the Bligh family was included, overlooking the pulpit from the north aisle, and having its own entrance from the grounds of Enbrook (from the door beside the Choir Vestry). This lasted until 1915, when all galleries were removed - greatly improving the church interior.

A further interesting link between Sir John Bligh and Sandgate Church came in 1852 when, as Patron, he nominated his brother-in-law, the Rev. John Brownlow as its Minister. This would have renewed the friendship which the Darnley children had in the days of their youth with the Brownlow cousins at Lurgan, and it also brought Lady Elizabeth - resident at the Parsonage - to be near her brother for some years.

Unhappily, there was the cholera epidemic at Sandgate in 1854. The Rev. John Brownlow was remembered for his constant presence with the afflicted, and this may have weakened him in health, as he died four years later aged 61.

The tablet to his memory in the north aisle is the only family memorial left by the Blighs in Sandgate Church, and that almost anonymously.

Sir John's only daughter, Lady Elizabeth, married the 4th Earl of Chichester in 1861, becoming the Countess of Chichester. She inherited Enbrook on her father's death in 1872, and is still remembered in Sandgate, as the Chichester Hall was built in her memory. She died in 1911.

A. H. G.





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SANDGATE.

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1822

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George Stanley REPTON

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The shape of Sandgate is decided by its  
geography — a narrow coastal strip  
bordered by steep cliffs. Exposure is  
limited, but it is fortunate in enjoying an  
exceptionally sunny sheltered  
position

Exposure of a Nautilus

leafy

For centuries a castle stood in lonely splendour  
on the shore, save for a neglected workhouse  
and

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Juglans  
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Walter  
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Frank  
Davies  
Frank

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Olga Matterson  
25 Holmfine House  
Sandgate Road.

Frank & Olive  
Danks

27 Old Victoria Road  
Kew photographs

see also reference to SS Teulon

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## The Parish Church Of St. Paul Sandgate - Kent



Approached by steps from the foot of Sandgate Hill, St. Paul's Church welcomes local residents and visitors and provides the following Services:—

**SUNDAYS:** HOLY COMMUNION, 8 a.m. (8.30 a.m. in Winter) and 12 noon on 1st Sunday in the month.  
CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Sunday School), 9.45 a.m.  
MORNING PRAYER (MATTINS), 11 a.m.  
EVENING PRAYER (EVENSONG), 6.30 p.m.  
(6 p.m. in Winter)  
FAMILY COMMUNION with Hymns on 2nd Sunday in the month (instead of Children's Service), 9.30 a.m.

**WEEKDAYS:** HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays ... .. 11.00 a.m.  
SERVICE OF PRAYER, Fridays, 3.30 p.m.

**BAPTISM, BANS, AND MARRIAGE:** The Vicar should be consulted at the Vicarage, Vicarage Road. Tel.: Folkestone 38231.

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## A SHORT HISTORY AND GUIDE

by the Rev. A. H. Gibson M.B.E. B.D.

Built in 1849 to replace an earlier chapel, the parish church of Sandgate is an example of Victorian Gothic style with later improvement and decoration. The first "Sandgate Episcopal Chapel" was built by the Earl of Darnley at his own expense on a plot of land from the adjoining parkland estate of Enbrook which he had purchased. It was consecrated on May 28th, 1822 and was a square building in Georgian Classical style with a cupola. It may be seen on prints of Sandgate made a few years later.

The small village of Sandgate developed rapidly when the railway reached Folkestone in 1843, and a larger church was needed. The earlier building was demolished in 1848 to make way for the present church which was completed in 1849.

The architect, S. S. Teulon, achieved distinction in designing Victorian churches and St. Paul's is one of his earlier works. It had two-decker seating with galleries and could accommodate 890. The four cross-gables of polychrome brickwork with stone dressings dominate the front elevation. The omission of a spire was probably to keep down the cost.

Sandgate Church was a "Chapel-of-Ease" until 1888, when it became a parish church. Perhaps St. Paul was chosen as its patron in memory of his sea-voyages in the service of Christ. Inhabitants of Sandgate look out to sea daily at the passing ships and on more than one occasion helped shipwrecked sailors in Victorian times.

The galleries were removed in 1915, reducing the seating to 450 but giving the church a more graceful interior. The War Memorial porch, designed by C. W. Oldrid-Scott, was added in 1919, and this architect deserves credit for further improvements carried out from 1923 to 1934. The most striking of these was the extension of the east end to make a larger sanctuary and chancel, the choir stalls being enclosed with a low screen of carved oak. A barrel-vault ceiling improved the nave.

Robert Anning-Bell designed the reredos painting of the Nativity, with the window above (1923) from which angels look down on the infant Christ. Perhaps the shepherds in modern boots represent present-day pilgrims who may yet find in the Bethlehem scene a timeless image of the Christian faith. Anning-Bell also designed the west window (1926) on the theme of the Song of Mary (Magnificat). The ceiling decoration was the work of Charles Powell (1927/36). Shields carry the symbols: **IHS** (Jesus), **XP** (Christ), **SP** (St. Paul). Above are the symbols of Christ's Suffering and Victory, set between the vine and the pomegranate—emblems of eternal life and resurrection.





In the symbolism of Gothic church architecture the raised chancel with its choir represents Heaven. The emblems on the chancel ceiling signify the main themes of Christian worship and thanksgiving: God who is Alpha and Omega, First and Last; Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and the Flower (Rose) on the stem of Humanity; the Sacrament in which Christ meets us today; the Dove as the emblem of Peace which the Holy Spirit brings. The sanctuary ceiling over the altar is azure with stars, reminding us that the Divine Presence extends through the Universe.

The chancel also contains a 17th century painting by Guercius entitled "St. John at Patmos", and a memorial window (by T. A. Dixon, 1953) to St. Paul. In the Children's Corner is a Victorian window of the Good Samaritan and another window by Dixon of Christ and St. Francis. The bronze angel figure in the Children's Corner was made and presented by Kenelm Armytage (1963) who also gave the churchyard sundial ("Life's Journey", 1964).



The north aisle has an unusual floral window by Leonard Walker (1935) and two windows by Wallace Wood—Christ the Healer (1958) and St. Paul (1968). The oil-painting is a copy of Murillo's Madonna and Child.

The fine organ, by Brownes' of Canterbury, was the gift of the Master family. It is not possible to include all the gifts and benefactions which have contributed to make St. Paul's not only a helpful place of worship but a centre where young and old meet at a variety of Services year by year.

We hope that residents of Sandgate will continue to support and to maintain it, and that visitors will find it a source of renewed faith in Him in whose honour it was build.



The Rev.  
Edward Muirhead Evans, M.A.

**V**ICAR of Ilkeston, was born in London on January 19th, 1849, and is the son of Mr. E. Pritchard Evans, of Tintern House, Primrose Hill, Regent's Park, N.W. His father is a J.P. for Middlesex, and was for many years a partner in the old banking firm of Messrs. Child and Co., Temple Bar, London. The Vicar was educated at King's College School, London, where he proceeded to the Associateship of the General Literature and Science Department of the College. He was afterwards entered at the College of Corpus Christi and B.V.M. in the University of Cambridge, where he gained the B.A. degree in 1871, coming out in theology. Three years later he received the M.A. degree. He was ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, in the Parish Church of Waddesden, Bucks., where he held his first and only curacy. He took Priests' Orders at Cuddesden Parish Church in 1872, and in 1876 was presented to the living of Ratley-with-Upton, Warwickshire, by the then Lord Chancellor (Lord Cairns), on the recommendation of the present Earl of Jersey. In this parish was fought the famous battle of Edge Hill, in 1642, between the Royalists and Parliamentarians. In 1881, on the invitation of the Vicar of Folkestone, Kent, Mr. Evans accepted the charge of the larger and more important parish of Sandgate, and during his stay there restored and improved the Church, and brought the schools into excellent order. On the 1st of May, 1887, he was instituted to the living of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, on the presentation of the Duke of Rutland, K.G. Mr. Evans has left all the places he has served with some beautiful presents and testimonials from the parishioners. He was married, in 1879, to Sarah Louisa, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles Hill, M.A., Rector of Cuiworth, Northamptonshire.





Rev. E. M. Evans.



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### History of Sandgate Church.

Sandgate as a village was partly in the parish of Chertsey and partly in the parish of Folkestone; the dividing line running through the New-Do-his. The inhabitants, therefore had a long and weary trudge to their respective churches. The famous William Wilberforce, who was a frequent visitor to our increasingly popular watering place, raised his voice in complaint, and this may have induced John, 4th Earl of Darvelly, who lived at Enbrooke to build on a portion of his land, the first Sandgate Church, as a chapel of ease. This was in 1822, and it was duly consecrated in that year by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Charles Manners-Sutton. The Episcopal Chapel, as it was known, was enlarged in 1842 and an additional gallery was added in 1847.

As the population of Sandgate continued to grow, and the village flourished as a watering-place, the existing building was quite inadequate for the congregations, so the whole building with the exception of the sanctuary was demolished and a larger one erected. This took place in 1849, and it was in this year too that the Vicarage was built. A serious fire on March 9th 1866 damaged both the roof and walls of the Church, and these were duly repaired.

Between 1870 and 1877 a project was started for the building of a Church Tower; but the money collected for that purpose was applied to more necessary improvements elsewhere in the Church. Thus the Children's Gallery was removed, and open-pews replaced the old box pews. In 1880 the Patronage of Sandgate Parish Church passed out of the hands of the Balguy family to those of the Vicar of Folkestone, who today has the right to appoint the Vicar of Sandgate.



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		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
<b>1913.</b>					Oct. 17th—	Major Leggett	...	2	2	0	
June 2nd—	Mrs. Bosworth	...	5	5	0	Mrs. Leggett	...	1	1	0	
" 18th—	Eversley Concert	...	30	9	0	Miss Goody	...	1	1	0	
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	Miss Alleyne	...	0	10	0		Thankoffering for Benenden				
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	Messrs. Jones & Co.	...	5	5	0		Miss White	...	5	0	0
	Eversley Girls' Offerings	...	3	0	0	" 14th—	M—A. A. W. Thomas	...	0	10	0
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	Mrs. Alderson	...	5	0	0		Miss Purton's Entertainment	...	12	5	2
	Anon	...	5	0	0		Collection by Miss Holt and				
	Miss A. A. Spire	...	0	2	0		Miss Garland	...	3	15	6
Oct. 5th—	Mary Twidall & Co.	...	10	10	0	" 24th—	T. K. Arnold, Esq.	...	2	2	0
	Rev. Canon Binney	...	2	2	0	" 28th—	Miss Man	...	1	0	0
	Miss Atlay	...	0	5	0		More friends from Benenden	...	3	0	0
	Miss M. A. Burton	...	0	2	6		A Friend	...	1	0	0
	Miss M. A. Lomas	...	0	2	6		Rev. F. Churchill	...	1	1	0
	Miss E. M. Woods	...	0	5	0	<b>1914.</b>					
	Miss Collings & Miss Marting	...	0	3	0	Jan. 11th—	Rev. Canon Knollys	...	5	0	0
	F. H.	...	0	2	6		Rev. F. W. Haden	...	5	5	0
	Miss Tyson	...	1	1	0		A Friend	...	1	0	0
	Anon	...	6	2	6		Another	...	0	2	6
	Anon	...	5	0	0	" 23rd—	Lt.-Col. Fymore, J.P.	...	1	1	0
	Thankoffering	...	0	10	0	" 27th—	Anon, per Miss Holt	...	0	2	6
	Miss M. Ley Bazeley	...	0	3	0		Eversley Chapel	...	1	8	2
	Mrs. O'Brien	...	1	0	0		Offertory, St. Paul's	...	2	10	0
	Miss Alice Boodle	...	1	0	0	Feb. 19th—	Miss Bessie Jenner	...	0	10	0
" 9th—	J. Brumfit, Esq.	...	1	1	0	" 22nd—	H. Mackeson, Esq.	...	2	2	0
" 15th—	R. F. Borough, Esq.	...	4	9	5		Entertainment	...	9	0	0

with those serving in the navy, who are most anxious to avenge the death of their comrades in the three cruisers which the enemy unfortunately succeeded in sinking. If it were not for such men as these, whose names we have such great pleasure in recording, we should not be to-day so securely sleeping in our beds, and going about our daily work as usual—as if there were no ghastly war taking place within a few miles of our shores. It is when we hear of bombs falling in Boulogne, only 27 miles from us, that our senses are stirred as to the possibilities of what might happen here, were we not so fortunate as to be guarded and defended by those ready to lay down their lives for us. All honour to our valiant sailors and soldiers! We cannot do too much for them. Let us not miss a single opportunity of comforting them in their ceaseless vigil, of supplying them with just those little luxuries that they so much appreciate and enjoy. They deserve them; we cannot be too kind to them.

**SAILORS FROM SANDGATE.**

- Alfred Whiting, Leading Wireless Telegraphist,  
H.M.S. Linnet.  
Albert White, First Class Stoker.  
Maurice Cotter, " " "  
Stephen Dungle, " " "  
Charles Edmund Corke, Leading Stoker.  
Joseph Pryor, Gunner, H.M.S. Beliona.  
Joseph Griffiths, " Magnificent.  
Albert Edward Castle, " "  
Arthur Barrack, " "  
Louis Brockman, H.M.S. Victorious."  
Francis Sadler, " "  
Arthur Tribe, " "  
William G. L. Bateman, Signalman.  
Ernest Baker, Signalman.  
Arthur Whitbourne, Sailor.  
John Tracey, " "  
G. Menpes, " "  
A. Peerless, " "  
J. Ayriess, " "  
Arthur Pilcher, Marine.  
James Jago, A.B.  
William Mee.  
James Mee.  
S. Finn.  
Charles Fletcher, Sailor, H.M.S. Iphigenia.

When the Cressy went down, struck by a torpedo from a German submarine, there were on board two Sandgate men—William Epps and Albert Fagg. Both were First Class Stokers. At the time of writing it is greatly feared that both have been unfortunately drowned, for nothing has been heard of either. Mr. Epps was on deck when the Cressy disappeared, for he was spoken to by a sailor, who has been saved, but no news has been heard of him, and the worst is feared. If it is so, then his death

has been as glorious a one as if he had had a square fight with the enemy and then gone down. He was the Caretaker of the Schools and the Verger of the Church. No one was held in higher estimation by all who knew him than was Mr. Epps. He indeed tried to do his duty, and right manfully did he succeed. We feel as if we had lost a true and firm friend, and we are certainly not alone in that feeling. Such men as he are not to be found every day. Mrs. Epps and her family have our full and sincere sympathy. Their grief we know is terrible, too deep for words, and we know that nothing we can say can assuage it. It may comfort them however to know the high esteem in which he was held, and that his loss is felt most acutely by all of us. R.I.P.

Mr. Fagg, Dr. Bradbury's chauffeur, had not been so long with us, but all who were acquainted with him knew him to be an honest, upright, God-fearing man. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Fagg and her children. These latter attend our school, and as we can tell by the behaviour of the children the kind of home they come from, there could scarcely have been a happier home than this was. R.I.P.

**SOLDIERS FROM SANDGATE.**

- Capt. T. DuBoulay.  
Markham Philpott, Brigade Trumpeter.  
— Ayriess.  
Jesse Jarvis, West Kent Regiment.  
W. Peerless.  
Fred Pilcher, R.H.A.  
William Pilcher, R.E.  
Hugh McGregor, Sergt., R.E.  
Walter Brisley, 1st Kent Battery.  
Frederick Smith, The Buffs.  
Percy Holmes, R.A.M.C.

We are extremely sorry also to have to record the death of Frederick Henry Holmes, First Class Stoker on H.M.S. Pathfinder, who lost his life when that vessel went down. Holmes used to attend our School and left with an excellent character. It seems as if it were only the other day that he was in class, beloved by all who knew him. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his family. R.I.P.

**SANDGATE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.**

**Full List of Amounts actually received.**

	£	s.	d.
<b>1911.</b>			
Nov. 25th—Sacred Recital ...	20	1	10
„ 28th—Per Dr. Bradbury ...	1	0	6
Dec. 14th—Miss Jenner ...	0	5	0
„ 25th—Miss Gollings ...	1	0	0
Per the Vicar ...	0	2	0
<b>1912.</b>			
May 26th—Sir Squire Bancroft ...	3	3	0
Per the Vicar ...	0	4	0



## A SHORT HISTORY OF SANDGATE CHURCH

(Based on an article produced by Sandgate Townwomens' Guild, in 1954, with additions by the Vicar)

Sandgate as a village was partly in the parish of Cheriton (St. Martin) and partly in the parish of Folkestone (St. Mary with St. Eanswythe - before the creation of the later parishes of Christ Church and Holy Trinity), the dividing line running through the "Fleur de Lis" and up Military Road. The inhabitants, therefore, had a long and weary trudge to whichever church they wished to attend. The famous William Wilberforce, who was a frequent visitor to Sandgate at the time when its popularity as a seaside resort was increasing, raised his voice in complaint. This may have been one of the reasons which led John, 4th Earl of Darnley, who lived at Enbrook, to build on a portion of his land, the first Sandgate Church as a "Chapel of Ease" (A Church of England place of worship under private control).

The first account book of the Chapel had the following entry on its first page - "This chapel was erected entirely at his own expense by the Rt. Hon. John, Earl of Darnley, and consecrated May 28th, 1822"

The consecration was by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Charles Manners-Sutton, who also contributed £100 to an endowment fund for the support of its Chaplain.

The style of this chapel, judged from contemporary prints, was like that of Wren, having a Renaissance style roof, rounded windows, and a central cupola - a more graceful adornment than the ugly "dovecote" which was to replace it at the western gable of the later building.

It was known as the Episcopal Chapel - presumably to distinguish it from the Methodist Chapel which already existed in Wilberforce Road. Enlargement began in 1842, when a north aisle was added, and this was followed by the addition of a gallery, by public subscription, in 1847.

As the popularity of Sandgate continued to grow, the village gaining popularity as a seaside resort, the Chapel was found to be inadequate for the increasing congregation. The original building was pulled down, with the exception of the Sanctuary, in 1848, and additional land for its enlargement was given by Mr. Duncan Bligh. The larger edifice which was to replace it - our present church - was designed in the Gothic Revival style which had come into fashion.

Whatever views may be held about the propriety of "Victorian Gothic", it may be found that the interior of St Paul's recaptures the spacious dignity, the soaring effect and grace of curving window tracery, which were such delightful features of true mediaeval Gothic styles. Architects, like the elder Gilbert Scott and Butterfield, were much impressed by the religious symbolism of Gothic architecture as expounded by the Camden Society at Cambridge - the chancel to represent "Heaven" with its choir of angels and saints, raised above the ground level of the "earthly" nave, and the ascending steps to the sanctuary as typifying the Holy of Holies. Their disciples followed these principles, and they were exemplified in the interior design of the church, rebuilt in 1849. The Vicarage was also built in the same year.

On March 9th 1866, a serious fire damaged both roof and walls, but these were restored.

Between 1870 and 1877, money was subscribed towards building a church tower, but it was found necessary to use the fund for additional restoration in 1882, when the vestry was enlarged and the organ renovated.

From the incumbency of the Rev. S. J. Gambier in 1848, we find the Chaplain styled as Vicar, but in the church registers, the title "Parish of Sandgate" was not used until 1888. Until that date it had to use the title "Consolidated Chapelry of Sandgate".

The patronage, or right of nominating a new Vicar, passed from the Bligh family in 1880 to the Vicar of Folkestone, with whom it still resides.

(SHORT HISTORY OF SANDGATE CHURCH CONTINUED)

The galleries and box pews were removed in 1915, when the present pews were installed.

In 1920, the War Memorial porch was added.

In 1923, there was a further enlargement of the chancel. The fine East Window was given in 1925, and the West Window in 1926.

In 1936, the vaulted ceiling of the nave and chancel was re-decorated with coloured designs, and in 1949, the Lady Chapel was enclosed with an oak screen in memory of the Rev. H.G. Blackburne,

Having "lost" the Upper Sandgate portion of its former "Consolidated Chapelry" to its larger neighbour, Holy Trinity, in 1947, Sandgate is now numerically the smallest town parish in the Borough of Folkestone, having officially only 1,750 resident parishioners.

Residents in Chichester Road and Valley Road, as well as those even nearer St Paul's in Enbrook and Military Roads, are still officially in the parish of St. Martin, Cheriton - a good mile away.

Notwithstanding its restricted parish boundaries, St Paul's continues to welcome many from its original territory of "Sandgate next Folkestone", and others who come down to Sandgate "village" to share in its family worship.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SANDGATE

This iron Church was opened on 22nd May, 1883, and to aid the payment of its cost, a well-filled bazaar was held in the large hall of Gough's Army Coffee Tavern which was opened by the Minister - Rev. W.T. Poole. It was attended by many local notabilities and a useful sum of money was raised.

An advance in the form of construction of the Church was made in 1905.

During the 1939-45 War, the Church was badly damaged by bombing and shelling, the steeple being hurled to the ground. It was out of commission until 1946 when upon its partial restoration, people returned to worship.

Re-decoration of the building and extensive repairs to the organ were carried out and a special service of re-dedication and thanksgiving on 18th January, 1958, was conducted by Pastor Douglas S. Ryeland.

The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. A.P. Lansdown who in his sermon said he was one of the few present who saw the condition of the Church after it had been damaged by enemy action. "I did not think the organ could ever be repaired. Broken furniture and rubble were lying all over the place and rain came through the roof just as if we were in the street".

Very regretfully to many residents of Sandgate, the Church was closed in 196