

Chesham Bois
One-Place Study

Memorial
Inscriptions
of the Parish III

Our Lady's Church

These transcripts were compiled by Colin Mills in 1998, with the kind assistance of Father Bernard Davenport. Chesham Bois One-Place Study was begun by Colin Mills in 1994, and briefly involves gathering every scrap of information possible about the parish, its records and its inhabitants. This is evidently an on-going project, but by the end of May 1999, 10,500 records from a variety of sources had been entered into a database. Please contact Colin Mills at 70 Chestnut Lane, Amersham, BUCKS HP6 6EH - telephone 01494 726013, facsimile 01494 729358 - for further details.

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Amersham Road, Chesham Bois

- 1 **Stone plaque** at front of Presbytery: "THE . PRESBYTERY / * A.D. 1924 *".
- 2 **Table** in porch "Sanctus + Sanctus + Sanctus"; three windows in porch each with single coloured leaded panel, and stairs to choir gallery; choir-stalls and organ in gallery: one window on stairs with coloured leaded panel; window in gallery with three coloured leaded panels, two quatrefoil windows and parts of five other quatrefoil windows.
- 3 On left hand side: two **windows**; Lady Chapel; four more windows; and at far end, the sanctuary.
- 4 **window**, two leaded panels: "1477-1535 / Saint Thomas More / + / STM / PPXI // 1468-1535 / Saint John Fisher / LY Episcopo Northantoniensi / + / SJF / + Given by the parishioners of this / church in gratitude for the / canonization of B'd John Fisher & / B'd Thomas More, May 19th 1935 +".
- 5 **window**, two leaded panels: "St Patricius / Regina Pacis / Of your charity pray for the / repose of the soul of John / Galvin of Moate Westmeath / Ireland".
- 6 Lady Chapel with statuette of the Virgin Mary; **altar cloth** "Holy Mary pray for us"; brass plaque, three-panelled window with two statuettes.
- 7 **brass plaque**: badge of Royal Berkshire Regiment // To the Glory of God. In most loving memory of Arthur / George Evelyn Bouchier Sec Lieut Royal Berks Reg elder / son of Maj A.G. Bouchier, and grandson of Maj Gen Sir / George Bouchier K.C.B. Born Sept 14th 1890, killed / leading his platoon into action at Fromelles, May 9th 1915. / This tablet and window are erected by his family and friends R.I.P. / Esto fidelis, usque ad mortem, et tibi dabo coronam vitae. / Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.
- 8 three-panelled **window**: Saint George // Pray for us / arms, Argent a cross gules // arms, Argent a cross engrailed gules between four water bougets sable - motto, Le beau temps viendra / Pray for the soul of Arthur George Evelyn / Bouchier Sec Lieut Royal Berks Reg / killed in action at Fromelles May 9th 1915 ... [The Bouchier arms are blazoned as: Argent a cross engrailed gules between four water bougets sable; crest, An old man's head side-faced proper, couped at the shoulders, habited vert, collared or and on his head a ducal coronet gold, out of which a long cup hanging forward gules, tasselled of the second.]
- 9 continuing left-hand side, four **windows** with two coloured leaded panels each, and then sanctuary: window with three leaded panels and window of three leaded panels with pictures of two angels and St John the Evangelist. "In pious memory of John / Jackson, 5th Son of John / Jackson of Jedburgh, who died of wounds received / at Hooze, August 16th 1917. / On whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy".
- 10 **carving on altar** "+ Altare + / + Privilegiatum +", and above altar, circular **window** with picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: "Given by the parishioners of this church / in thanksgiving to Our Lady. 1953".
- 11 On right hand side: three windows consisting of two coloured leaded panels each; confessional booth; two windows, consisting of two coloured leaded panels each. There are five statuettes and a crucifix not otherwise mentioned sited around the sanctuary and church, and two sets of the fourteen stations of the Cross: a set of carvings between the windows, and a set of painted wooden panels each with brief descriptive text fixed to the wooden ceiling.

