



THE ARTS
SOCIETY
FARNHAM



CHURCH RECORDING

In association with the Church Recording Society

Recording A Church's Contents

- Design
- Art
- History
- Craftmanship



To Help Conserve and Preserve our Churches

The History of Church Recording



Over **2000** Church Records have been created by the Arts Society since 1973

Farnham has been one of the most active groups

Church Recording in Farnham

Churches recorded so far:

- * St Mary's **Binsted**
- * NSt Mary's **Bentley**
- * All Saints **Crondall**
- * St Andrew's **Farnham**
- * St Laurence **Seale**
- * All Saints **Headley**
- * St Nicholas **Peper Harow**
- * St Michael Archangel **Aldershot**
- * St Mark's **Upper Hale**
- * St John's **Lower Hale**
- * St John's **Churt**



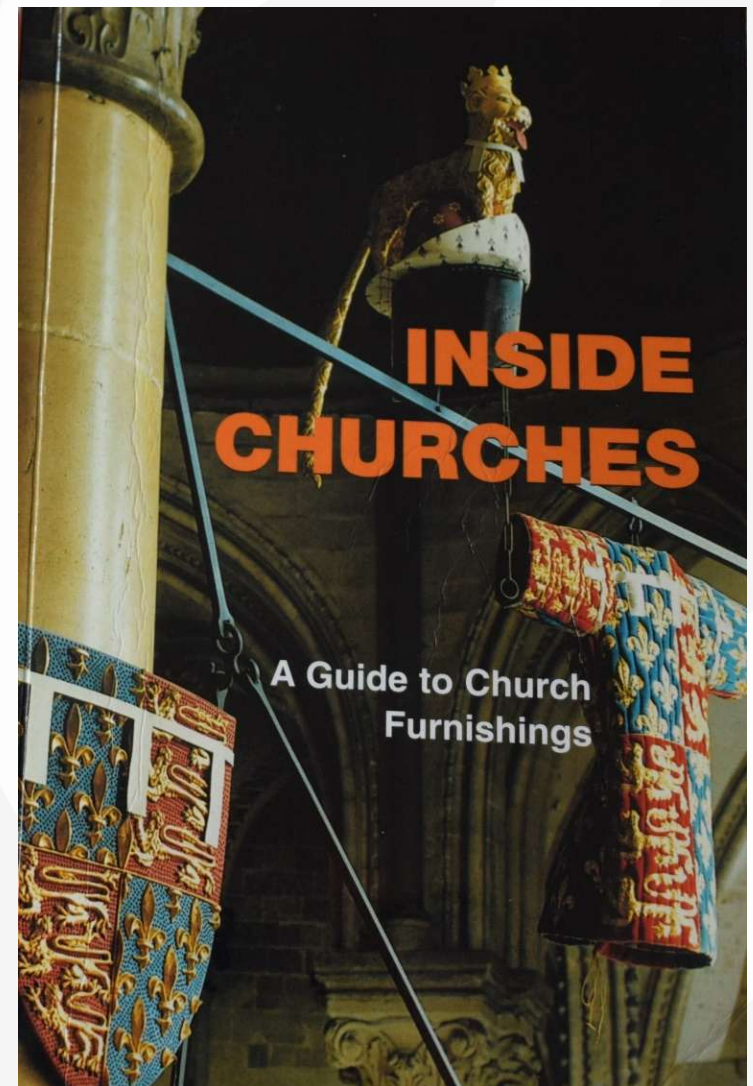
Church Recording Society

The Arts Society is
associated with the CRS

Comprising teams of
volunteers

Supported by experienced
recorders

With access to a dedicated
web site for guidance



You're Welcome to Join Us



and help to create these important records

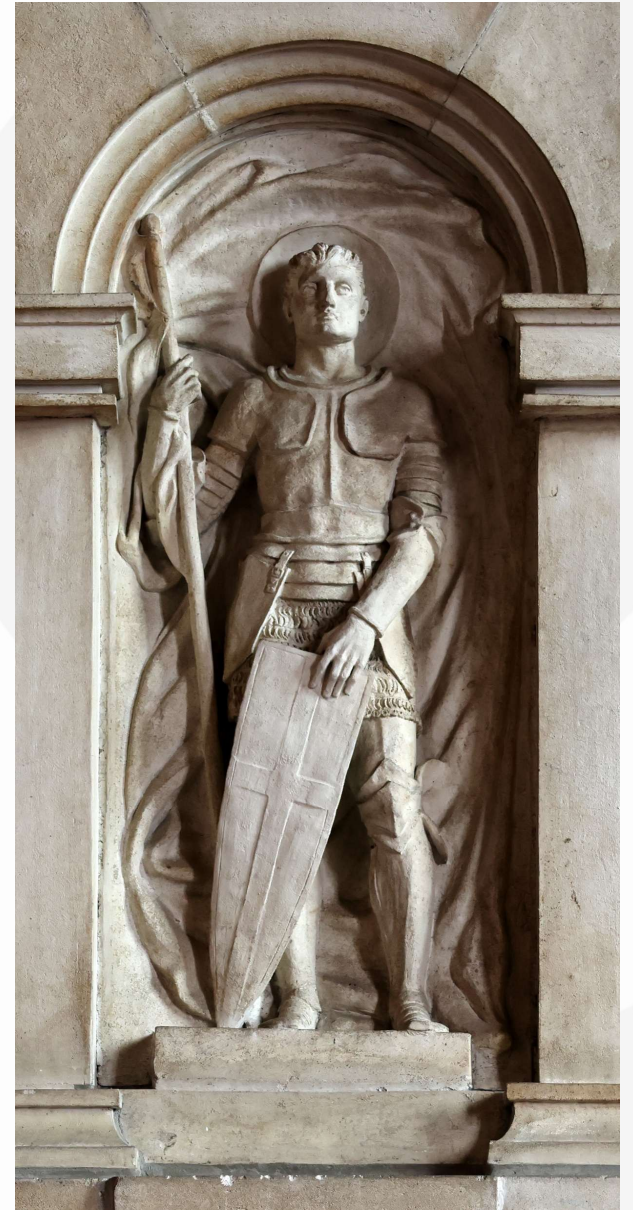
So why make records?



- Many church inventories are inadequate
- Heritage is at risk from theft, damage or lack of interest
- To build church awareness of what they own
- For Insurance accuracy
- To help identify stolen artefacts
- To encourage conservation of valuable heritage

What do we cover ?

- Memorials
- Metalwork
- Woodwork & Stonework
- Windows & Paintings
- Textiles



And what exactly is recorded ?

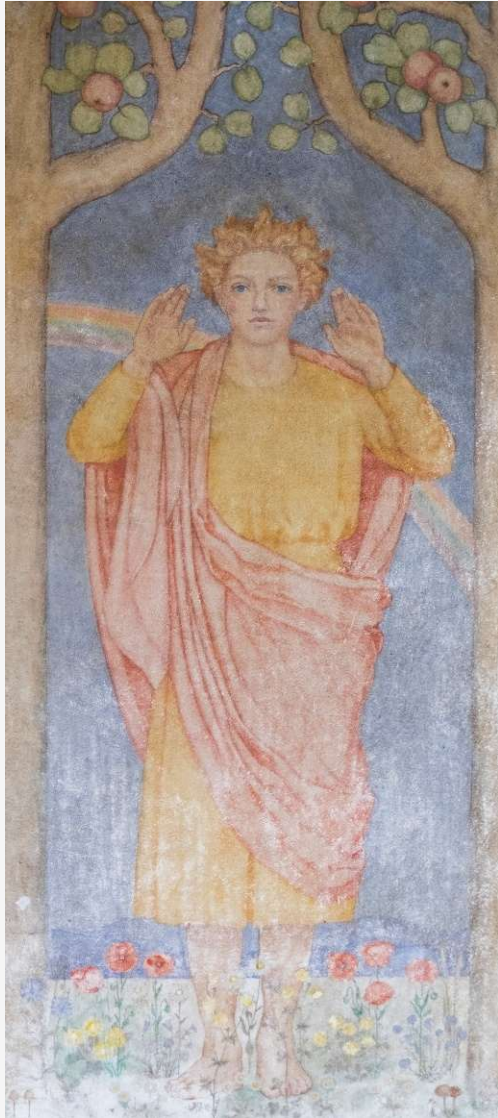
We record -

- Description of each item
- Material & Date
- Measurements
- Artist/Designer
- Manufacturer
- History & Donor
- Inscriptions

With photographs
(where needed)



We find forgotten art



Frescoes – St Mark's, Upper Hale

The frescoes surrounding the altar were created by local artist Kitty Milroy in 1911

They were at risk following years of neglect

Our detailed record helped in the efforts to raise funds for their restoration and Grade 2 listing

We uncover history



**Stonework –
St John's, Hale**

The hogsheads in the arcading commemorate a Bishop's gift of a pig to relieve the poverty of the inhabitants of Hale Common - now known as Hogshatch

We reveal memories



Stained Glass - St John's, Churt

The East window depicting Christ as a child was commissioned by her parents in memory of a daughter who died 2 weeks before her planned wedding

We catalogue treasures

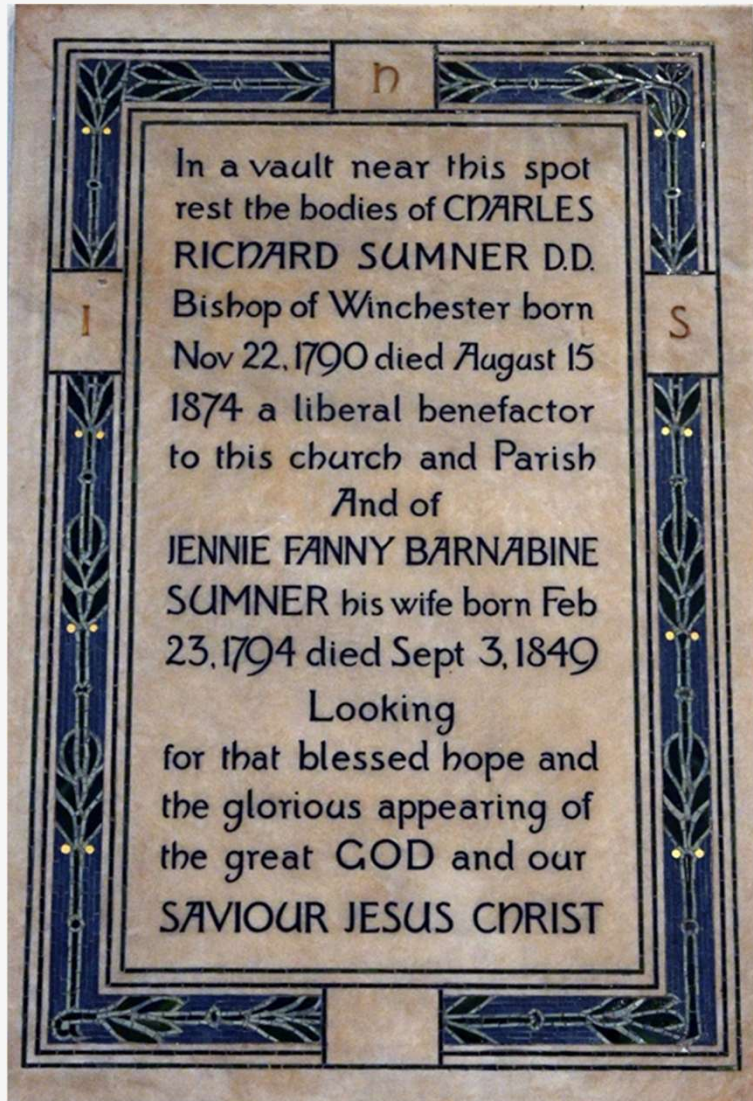


A bronze flagon, silver dipped.

Given to a church on its consecration by Robert Clark, a surgeon living in Castle Street.

The information researched from an article in the Surrey Advertiser, December 1915

We showcase craftsmanship

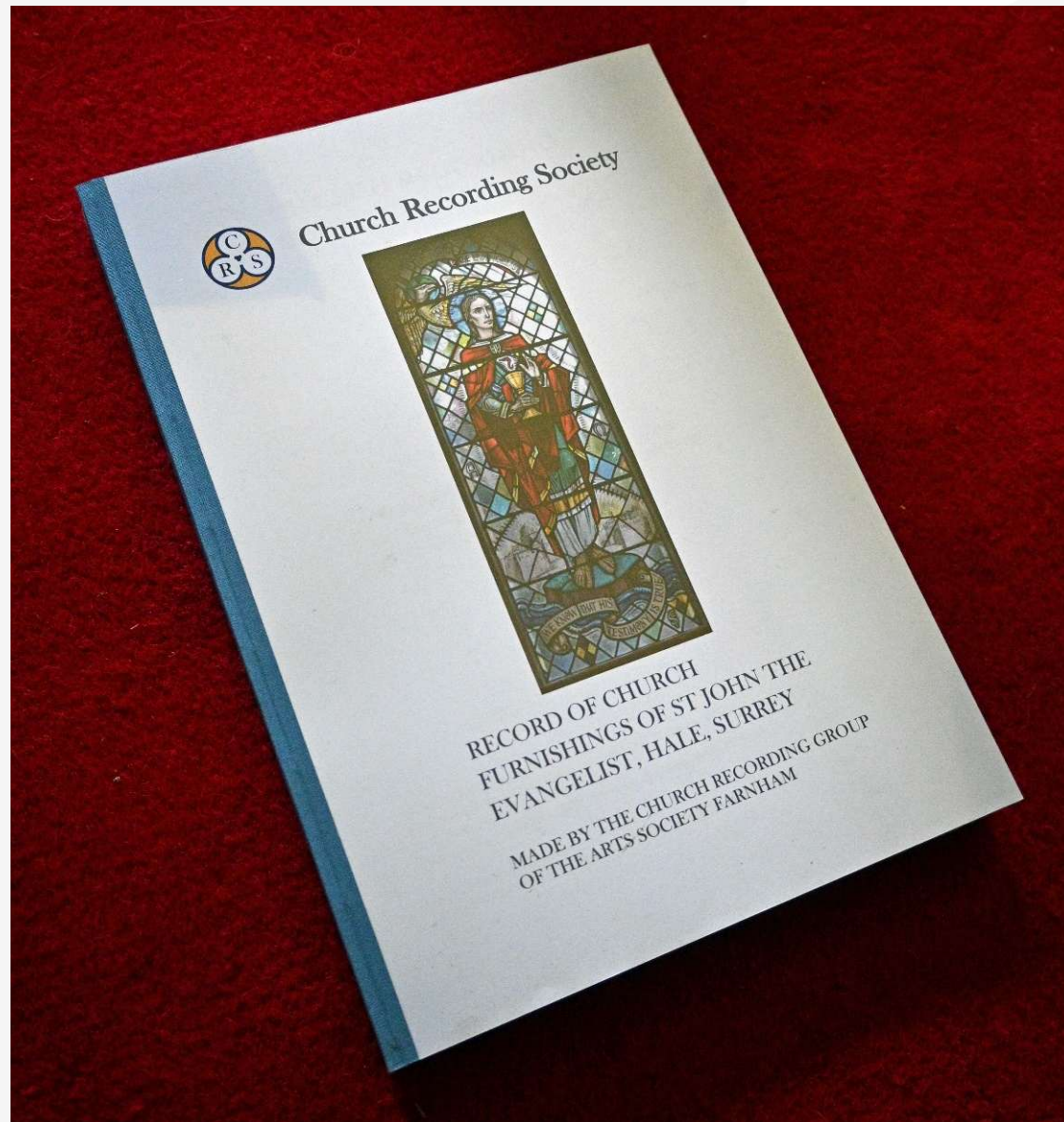


St John's, Hale

Memorial tablet designed by Heywood Sumner who was prominent in the Arts and Crafts movement.

Made by Powell and Sons of Whitefriars, it is an example of one of the new techniques they developed using stained glass.

... And the End Result ...



... A Printed Record

**A comprehensive
record**

**.... Presented to the
Church**

And

**Available to visitors
and church members**



A Record for Future Generations

Digital copies are sent to –

- **V&A** National Art Library
- **Churchcare** library for use by historians, researchers and antiquarians
- **County History Centre** for use by local historians.

Farnham Church Recorders



We're currently working at All Saints Church Tilford₁₈

Farnham Church Recorders

- We meet every month at the church
- Have representation on the Arts Society Committee
- **Why not join us?**
- **To learn more** Email: farnhamcrec@gmail.com



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