

# The Porch



My-Parish.org Newsletter

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Dear My-Parish Members,

Welcome to issue 1 of *The Porch*! This bimonthly My-Parish.org newsletter will keep you up-to-date on the latest in parish history, art, heritage and culture.

We hope that you have had a positive start to 2013. My-Parish is now 3 months old. Our online community is active and growing, with 56 members and 4,200 page views and counting.

There are now a range of exciting features on the site, and the My-Parish team and Warwick Network for Parish Research have some exciting plans for the future.

- Don White's *Invisible Saints* (<http://my-parish.org/invisiblesaints>) launched in December. This is a web-based project to identify the lost medieval devotional wood sculpture of the British Isles. Don has created, and is continually updating, a searchable database of British devotional wood sculptures, many of which have never before been published.
- Videos and podcasts from the 2012 Warwick Symposium on Parish Research are available to view and download. Find the podcasts here: <http://my-parish.org/archives/category/podcasts> and the videos here: <http://my-parish.org/archives/category/videos>.
- Beat Kumin continues to update his blog about his time in Greifswald as a full-time parish researcher, *Greifswald Glosses* (<http://my-parish.org/research/blogs/greifswald-glosses>).
- Preparations are underway for the 2013 Warwick Network for Parish Research Symposium. For the first time, we are planning to hold an immersive, workshop-style event on site at a parish church. This will take place in the traditional Symposium calendar slot in late May. More details will be posted soon on our Events page, which is also kept up-to-date with news of other parish-related events (<http://my-parish.org/events>).

We hope that you will continue to use the site throughout the New Year. Remember, you can create posts to share research, sources, photographs and more, as well as create interest groups and forums with other My-Parish members. We also have parish-related resources in our parish research sections.

If you have any views or suggestions on how the site is working, or how it could be improved, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please get in touch at [admin@my-parish.org](mailto:admin@my-parish.org), or post a message in our feedback forum: <http://my-parish.org/groups/site-admin/forum/topic/feedback-on-the-new-site/>.

With best wishes,

The My-Parish team

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