

John Mason Neale Trail, East Grinstead



John Mason Neale (b.1818-d.1866) was Warden at Sackville College Almshouse from 1846-1866. He lived there with his wife and family and wrote many well-known hymns and carols, including "Good King Wenceslas". In St Swithun's Church, John Mason Neale is depicted in the central panel of the Oxford

Movement window on the north or left hand wall of the church as you face the altar. His prayer desk is in the Lady Chapel, his Crucifix hangs over the altar and his tomb is in the churchyard.

From the Church walk towards the High Street and after passing under the iron arch turn left along the footpath. Just before reaching Church Lane, enter the Churchyard via the iron gate and John Mason Neale's tomb is a few yards in, on your right. Retrace your steps and go out onto Church Lane, turn right to the High Street and walk east to Sackville College.



St Swithun's Church is open during the daytime. Free Guided Tours
Monday & Thursday afternoons at 2pm during the summer

Church Tours please contact John Ellis dunlins@msn.com 01342 300810

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From Sackville College: Follow the High Street to Church Lane and enter the Churchyard via the iron gate: John Mason Neale's tomb is a few yards in on your right. Retrace your steps and go right. Follow the path to the Church's South door.



Sackville College is open Mid June to Mid September from 2pm to 5pm on Wednesday to Sunday afternoons. Admission charge £5, children £1.

Group visits at other times by prior arrangement.

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The Old Convent is now private but used to be St Margaret's Convent and was founded by John Mason Neale in 1854. It can be viewed from Sister Ann Way which is off the A264, Moat Road opposite King George's field. Please do not disturb the privacy of the owners.