



The Kempe Society

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Charles Kempe died in 1907 and his studios, which then became known as C E Kempe & Co Ltd, continued until 1934. Between them, for some sixty years, they produced in addition to stained glass of exquisite quality, every aspect of ecclesiastical furnishing, decoration and embroidery as well as civic and secular architecture and glass.

The Kempe Society, which was formed in 1984, unites the increasing number of people who admire the work of this man and his studios, whether having a layman's interest in stained glass and church furnishings or a professional interest. It is due in no small measure to their efforts that the reputation of Kempe and his work, which has suffered perhaps more harshly than his contemporaries from mis-informed and prejudiced comment, is regaining pre-eminence.

The Society, which draws its membership country wide, maintains contact with them by means of a quarterly newsletter rather than by meetings, though it encourages members to organise local outings to foster a more tangible spirit of membership. Membership is annual and those joining will receive all copies of the Newsletter for that year. The Society is administered, through its Constitution, by a Management Committee of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The aims of the Kempe Society can be summarised as follows :-

- ◆ To encourage the fitting recognition of the work of Charles Kempe and his firm.
- ◆ To encourage the preservation and maintenance of Kempe windows and church furnishings.
- ◆ To advocate the re-installation elsewhere or sensitive re-use of Kempe windows and furnishings which may become the victims of redundancy.
- ◆ To establish as complete a pictorial record and descriptive record as possible of Kempe's oeuvre.
- ◆ To provide a forum for discussion on items of mutual interest.
- ◆ To circulate a quarterly newsletter called *Wheatsheaf* to members.

Our late Patron, Margaret Stavridi, was the daughter of John W Lisle who, joining Kempe's studio in the 1880's, became his protégé, confidant and designer and eventually after the death of Kempe and in accordance with the will, a Director of C E Kempe & Co Ltd. Our present Patron, John Lisle, is John W Lisle's grand-son.

Among the activities and achievements to date of the Kempe Society mention can be made of the following:-

- 150th Birthday Celebrations of Charles Kempe (1987) with exhibitions in Durham, Southwark and Chichester Cathedrals, St.Botolph's Church Aldgate, London and the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers, London.
- Biennial Members Weekends in Chichester, York, Chester, Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, Durham, Nottingham, Winchester, Liverpool and Ovingdean Sussex.
- Publication of *Master of Glass* by Margaret Stavridi (1988), the first book on Charles Eamer Kempe.
- Production of microfiche copies of the seven volumes of the Commission Registers for the Society and the V&A Museum.
- Increasing collection of original archive material.
- Publication of *The Complete Corpus of Kempe Glass in the UK and Ireland* (2000).
- Formation of the Kempe Trust (1992) to aid the preservation and maintenance of Kempe's oeuvre.
- Erection of English Heritage Blue Plaque on Kempe's London address (1994) and Plaque on Kempe's birthplace Ovingdean Hall (2007)
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If you would like to join the Society please complete and return the application form to the Hon.Secretary.



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Subscription Rates

- Ordinary Member.....£5.00 per annum
Corporate Member (Societies, PCC's etc).....£10.00 per annum
Overseas Member.....£8.00 per annum

NB. Due to excessive costs levied by banks in handling overseas currency, payment should be made, where possible in sterling or International money order.

Subscription Payment

It would assist the Society if UK members could make their payments by Standing Order, thus obviating the need to remember to pay annually (or the Society to remind them!)

Please use the form on the application page and return to the Hon. Secretary.

Please also note that the Membership year commences on the 1st March.



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Application for Membership

I wish to enrol as an Ordinary / Corporate / Overseas member of the Kempe Society and I enclose my remittance for £..... in respect of my subscription for the year 20.....

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

If you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email instead of by post please tick here

Standing Order Mandate

To..... Bank

Postal Address.....

Please pay	Bank	Branch Title (not address)	Sorting Code Number
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for the Credit of	Beneficiary's Name	Account Number	Quoting Reference
	The Kempe Society	5 1 0 3 9 8 7 3	
the sum of	Amount	Amount in words	
commencing	Date of first payment	Due date and frequency	Date of last payment

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Signature(s)..... Date.....

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