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Dr. Michael Clift's 'Scurrilous' Best-Seller...

As evidence of his return to vitality, **Dr. Michael Clift** has very recently written a history of the last fifty years at his beloved Church of Saint Mark, Kingsholm, Gloucester, of which he is a Churchwarden. Michael's chronicle, which forms the second part of a 62 page booklet, *The Lions of Saint Mark*, is a particularly lively account of recent strife that has beset the church, and because some of his material might be considered contentious, he has created playful pseudonyms for certain of the individuals mentioned.

Thus we find a Candida Woadbottom, a Reverend Travis Bellycustard (not, we are assured, St. Mark's present or indeed anytime incumbent!), a Charlie Stoaeweasel, a Miss Toadspanker, a Reverend Dr. Artie Greedsprocket, a Canon Claude Treacleslide, also a Tramgobbler, all mixed up with real-life names of rather greater credibility. Following a local Archdeacon labelling the booklet as 'scurrilous', sales have exceeded all expectations, and it is already into reprint.

There is only glancing reference to the Shroud - principally a local Dean's refusing Michael giving a Shroud talk in Gloucester Cathedral on the grounds the subject had nothing to do with his Cathedral! However for anyone with a sense of fun even airmiles from Gloucestershire the booklet is most warmly recommended, and copies can be obtained direct from Michael, price £3.50 for UK members and £4 for overseas, post and packing inclusive.

It should also be noted that copies of the paperback of Ian Wilson's *Holy Faces, Secret Places*, which were donated to the Society to help funds, are also available from Dr. Clift, price £3 p & p inclusive. Overseas members should add a further £1 for postage.