



# St. Edward Brotherhood



The Shrine Church of St. Edward  
King and Martyr  
A community of Orthodox monks

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Saint Edward Brotherhood of monks, which at first was housed in the two derelict chapels that once served the old Necropolis Railway at Brookwood Cemetery, Woking, has over the past twenty years carried out extensive repairs and restorations to these buildings. During this time, they have established a flourishing and active Church serving a broad community of both immigrants from traditionally Orthodox countries, and an increasing number of British converts to Orthodoxy.

The Brotherhood has been self-supporting by means of making incense and candles, icon framing, and bookbinding. However, the income generated is no longer adequate as a new monastic house is necessary. The Brotherhood's increased activities, both monastic and pastoral, cannot now be accommodated in the existing monastic house.

The new monastic house, which has already full planning permission from Woking Borough Council, has been designed appropriate to its historic surroundings, and will provide basic accommodation that is suitable for the simple monastic life. New workshops will allow the monks to expand their income-generating activities.

The existing house will be upgraded to better accommodate Church meetings. The former monks' cells will be refurbished and furnished as visitor's rooms. It will also house a small permanent exhibition showing the history of the site.

This project is a vital part of our religious and historic inheritance. For many, monasticism is at the heart of Orthodox Christian life (all hierarchs are monks) and still has a resonance and significance deep within our daily lives.

Our purpose is to protect a valuable past and to preserve it for the future of the Church, the Body of Christ.

As a small community, the Brotherhood does not have the resources to complete the funding. We are seeking support from a range of outside sources and would be grateful for support of all kinds, including single gifts or pledges, In Memoriam gifts or bequests.

All donations will be handled by the King Edward Orthodox Trust Company Limited (registered charity no. 284929/0), and held in an account designated solely for this project. Full details of this can be obtained from our fund-raising co-ordinator.



## THE CHURCH

Repairs to the roof are urgent as the ingress of water during rainstorms is substantial, and could severely disrupt its use. Services are held twice a day seven days a week, and people come to worship from a wide area both locally and from abroad. Funerals, weddings, and other ceremonies are held here and it is the only Orthodox church in Britain with a graveyard still in use. Many people come here for advice and support, and some to test their vocation for the monastic life.



## THE EXISTING MONASTIC HOUSE

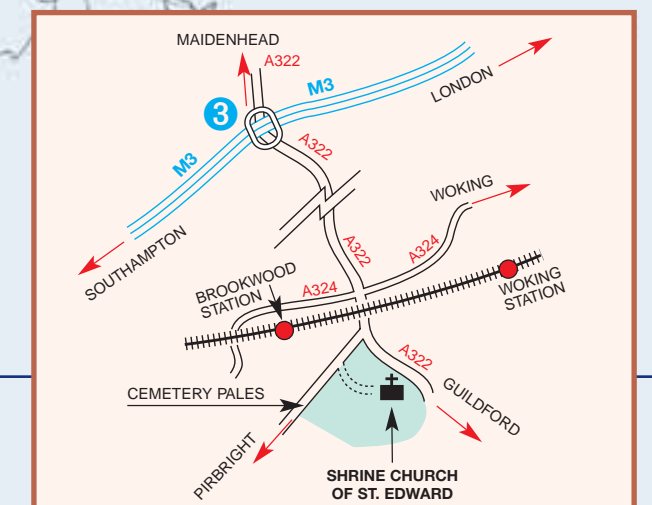
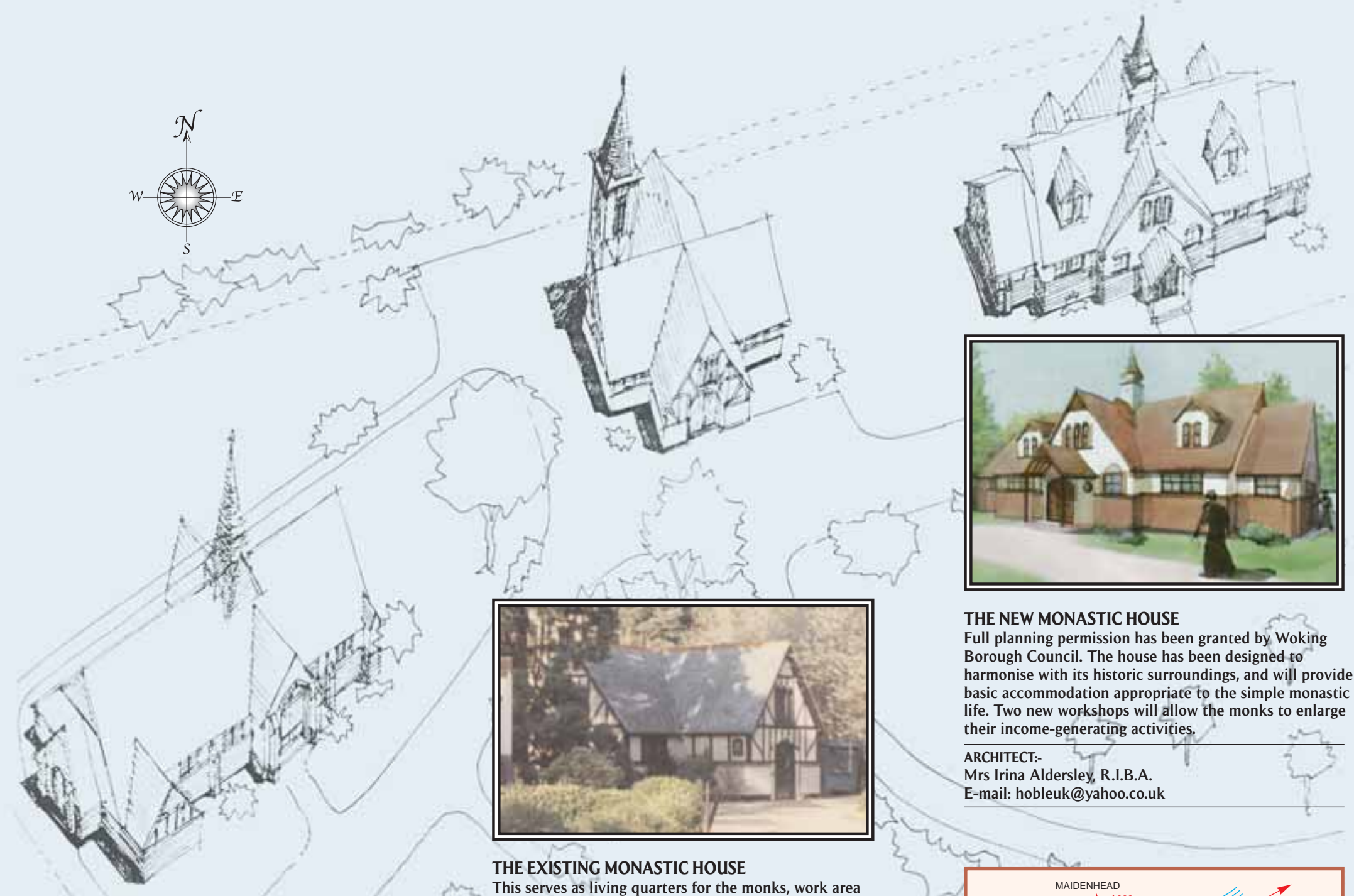
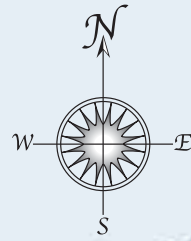
This serves as living quarters for the monks, work area and parish hall; it is no longer adequate for all these purposes. On completion of the new house, it will be upgraded to provide more space for Church meetings, and the former monks' cells will be refurbished and furnished as visitor's rooms. Here will be sited the small permanent exhibition.



## THE NEW MONASTIC HOUSE

Full planning permission has been granted by Woking Borough Council. The house has been designed to harmonise with its historic surroundings, and will provide basic accommodation appropriate to the simple monastic life. Two new workshops will allow the monks to enlarge their income-generating activities.

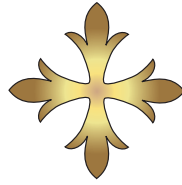
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The Brotherhood is located at the Brookwood Cemetery, formerly the London Necropolis, on the site of the old railway station that served the site. The map gives brief details of motorways and main roads. Trains from Waterloo serve Woking and Brookwood Stations; journey time approximately 30 and 50 minutes respectively. By taxi from Woking Station and Brookwood Station, about 15 and 5 minutes respectively. 15-minute walk from Brookwood Stn.

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## THE NEW MONASTIC HOUSE



This is the south aspect of the new monastic house together with a plan of the ground floor. External details replicate as far as possible the exterior of the church so that this new building will blend into its surroundings. The workshop space located at each end of the house will accommodate not only the candle-making and bookbinding, etc., but also the equipment used in publishing and printing the monthly 'Shepherd' pastoral magazine.

## REFURBISHMENT OF THE EXISTING MONASTIC HOUSE



This illustrates a view of the main downstairs area as it could be altered to better accommodate parish meetings and other gatherings along with the historic exhibition. As the Church has flourished and the congregation increased, the old house is no longer adequate to serve as both living and working quarters for the Brotherhood.

## COMMENDATIONS

### ARCHBISHOP MARK

of Berlin, Germany and Great Britain

'I fully support the Fund-raising of St. Edward's Brotherhood in Brookwood.

The monastic brotherhood of St. Edward has set an example of Christian virtue by establishing first of all its place of worship, by building and adorning their Church. For many years the monastics have neglected their own personal needs, living in extremely poor circumstances.

It is entirely imperative that they move on to establish living quarters for themselves. We ask all people of good will to support this necessary matter.'

### ARCHBISHOP GREGORIOS

of Thyateira and Great Britain

'This admirable scheme will, by the grace of God and the prayers of St. Edward, result in an increased witness of our holy Faith in these islands.

I commend this project to the prayers and generosity of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.'

### ARCHBISHOP ANATOLII

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'... From my own experience I realise your need and the tremendous difficulties which face you (in building the new monastic house)... In prayer I will support your endeavours to make a wider appeal, in the hope that good people will help you. May the Lord send down His heavenly blessing upon you for this holy work.

With love in Christ, the lowly novice of the Trinity-Sergiev Lavra.'

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