

## **ROSSETTIS IN LOVE - exhibition**

Many will know of the Old Town connections of Dante Gabriel Rossetti and his sister Christina.

A small semi-permanent exhibition entitled 'Rossettis in Love' will open in St. Clement's Church on Saturday, 26th March at 11 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m.

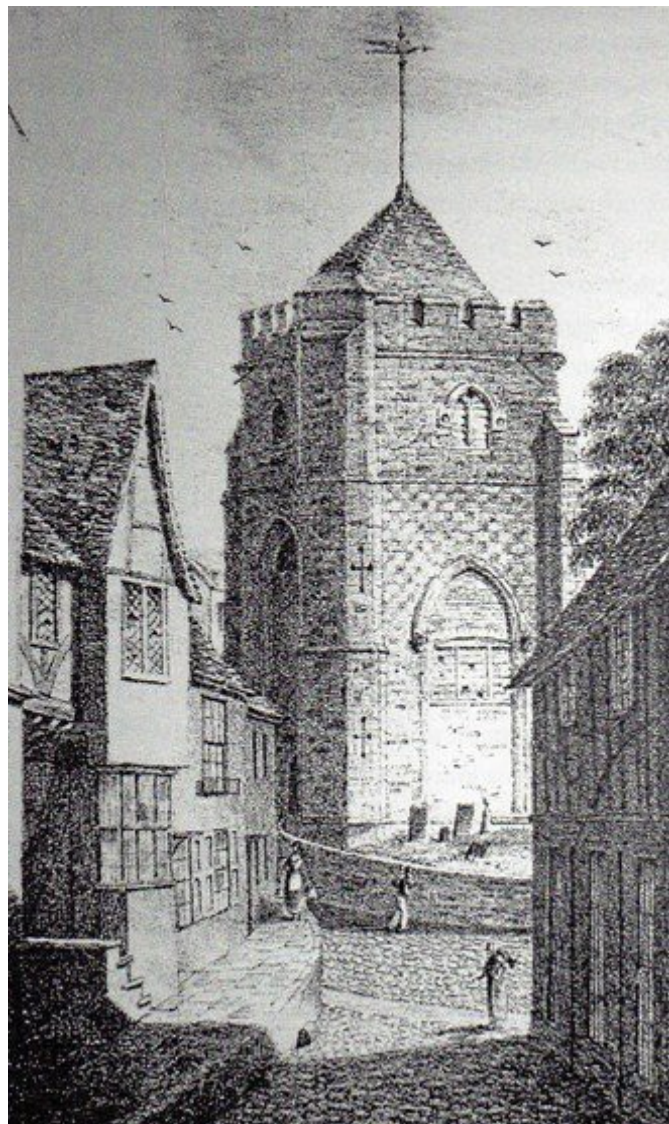
The exhibition will be opened by former High Street resident Jenny Ridd, author of *A Destiny Defined: Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Elizabeth Siddal in Hastings*.

Illustrated panels tell the love story of Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Elizabeth Siddal, and that of Christina Rossetti and Charles Cayley who is buried in Hastings cemetery.

Wallpaper and a surprise item from 5, High Street dating from the time of D G Rossetti's visit will also be on display.



Above: D G Rossetti's depiction of the Virgin Mary in *The Annunciation*, for which Christina Rossetti was the model.



Right: George Rowe's lithograph of St Clements church, printed by George Wooll at 5 High Street in about 1830.

Refreshments (tea, coffee, cakes, soup and roll) will be available and admission is free. It is hoped that the exhibition will help to underline the Pre-Raphaelite connections of the Old Town and do its bit to encourage tourism.

If you're not able to go along on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the church is normally open every Saturday from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. There is level access to the church's west entrance via Croft Road.