

St. Andrew's Church

KINGHAM • OXFORDSHIRE

To the Visitor

You are very welcome indeed to the parish church of St. Andrew's here in the beautiful Cotswold village of Kingham. Please feel free to wander around and enjoy this ancient, yet vitally alive church building. Ponder on the many who, throughout the centuries, have been baptized in its Font, married in its Chancel, have worshipped and been taught of Our Lord Sunday by Sunday, and who have been committed to God's judgment and mercy after their death.

During the time of the Rev. Roger Morgan the parish became a benefice with the neighbouring parish of Daylesford, and Rev. Morgan became Rector of both. In December 1979 Kingham, Daylesford, Churchill and Sarsden parishes were formally joined to make one Benefice under one Rector. Sarsden chapel was made redundant in November 1992.

In January 2001 Daylesford voted to make St. Peter's church redundant and combine with the parish of Kingham. Finally, in May 2001, this four parish Benefice joined with Chipping Norton and the parishes of Salford, Little Compton, Little Rollright, Chastleton and Cornwell to form the Team Benefice of Chipping Norton under a Team Rector, Rev Stephen Weston and Team Vicar responsible for these four parishes, Rev. Tony Cannon.

THIS ANCIENT CHURCH IS VERY MUCH ALIVE!

But this is so much more than just an ancient building. It is still the home of a thriving worshipping community of Christians, the spiritual heirs of the countless thousands who have gone before them. Here Jesus is still proclaimed as Lord and Saviour, through whom alone we can find forgiveness and salvation from an eternity without God. Here that same God is still worshipped, served, praised and enjoyed. Here the Gospel Good News still transforms people, young and old, men and women as they find the life in all its fulness which can only come through Him. Details of our regular services appear below. You will always be very welcome at any of our services here or in Churchill and at any of our Home Groups. May God bless you today!

Normal church services and other activities are always on the church notice board but include:-

HOLY COMMUNION BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at Kingham at 9 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays at Churchill at 9 a.m.

2nd Sundays at Kingham 10 a.m.

MORNING SERVICE 10.45 A.M.

1st & 2nd Sunday Morning Prayer Churchill

3rd Sunday Communion Churchill

4th Sunday Morning Prayer Kingham

5th Sunday As advertised

Sunday Schools & Crèche at 10.45 services in Churchill.

“COLD FISH’N’CHIPS”, “HOT CHOCOLATE” AND “ZION” GROUPS FOR AGES 8-18. DETAILS ON WEBSITE WWW.KINGHAMCHURCHES.ORG.UK

THE COMMUNION TABLE

Thought to be c.1850 when the Chancel was refurbished. It is of oak with a stone top. Along the front are nine panels containing painted figures. From left to right these are believed to be:

- 1st. St. Alban. A young Roman soldier and the first British Martyr, put to death by the sword in a meadow near to the present St. Alban's Cathedral.
- 2nd. St. Hilda of Whitby holding a model of the Abbey. In her time, the Council of Whitby decided that the British Celtic Church (governed from Iona) and Canterbury should henceforth unite and owe allegiance to Rome.
- 3rd. St. Andrew. The patron saint of this church.
- 4th. The Virgin Mary.
- The Central Panel. Our Lord Jesus.
- 6th. St. John holding in his hand the cup which was to have poisoned him (shown by a serpent). He cast out the poison, drank, and was unharmed.
- 7th. St. Theodore (probably), the first Archbishop of Canterbury and organiser of our parochial system.

- 8th. St. Frideswide. The patron saint of Oxford who died A.D. 740. She founded a Priory where the Cathedral of Oxford now stands. She holds in her hand a model of the present Cathedral.
- 9th. St. George. Patron saint of England. From Cappadocia, he was martyred under the Roman Emperor Diocletian.
- Above the panels are angels, some carrying items associated with the Crucifixion.

THE CHANCEL

In the period 1517-1531 with the Rector residing elsewhere, the Chancel was in ruins. However, it was rebuilt by a later Rector, William Dowdeswell the Elder, in 1688, who also built the Rectory at the same time. This is recorded on his memorial tablet under the tower. Wood wrote: *"In the Chancell ... In the great window is the armes of Beauchamp, with the word WARWIC over it in large letters, the armes of the red Hastings quartering Valence, and over it in great letters PEMBROC."*

Incidentally, Wood said: *"The Church is dedicated to S. Nicholas."* It would be most interesting to know if Kingham in the fourteenth century had any connection with Warwick the Kingmaker (family name Neville) or with the great Earl of Pembroke.

The chancel was re-furnished but spoilt by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Lockwood. In 1843 he removed the great window and re- placed it with the present smaller one which is a memorial to his daughter, and in 1853 he probably removed all the memorials from the chancel and re-erected them under the tower (no evidence that he did this has been found - it may have been one of his predecessors). When the present tiles were laid he covered up or removed the memorial stones of black marble of his predecessors and Kingham notabilities, these were:-

- Thomas Jackson, Rector. Died 1676. *"Within the altar rails on the north side."*
- Elizabeth Hacker. Died 1697.
- Thomas Hacker. Died 1688.
- Richard Hacker. Died 1715. *"Within the altar ballisters."*
- Charles Western, Rector. Died 1836. Near the south wall.
- *"Under the Communion Table lieth the body of Mrs. Eliz. Dowdeswell Widow of the Revd. Mr. Dowdeswell Rector of this Church. She died May 10th, 1734. Aged 71."*

In the north wall is what was probably an Easter Sepulchre in pre-Reformation days. Here was placed the Host or Crucifix on Good Friday afternoon and watched until Easter morning. In this arch on Anthony a Wood's visit about 1675 was an effigy *"of a man in stone"* who appeared to have been a priest as he was wearing a vestment, but it had *"neither inscription nor armes."* We don't know who he was or what happened to the effigy, but Joseph Skelton records it was still there in 1823.

In the south wall are a Sedilia and a Piscina, the former is a seat with black marble pillars for the priests to sit on, the latter is a basin with outlet used by Roman Catholic priests to dispose of the water used in the services.

SOME INTERESTING MEMORIALS

In the Chancel within the arch in the north wall is one of the most interesting memorials in the church. It is an ancient brass to Katherin James who died in 1586, the wife of the Rector William James, D.D., Dean of Christchurch, Master of University College, later Bishop of Durham (he is buried in Durham Cathedral) and who preached the thanksgiving sermon in Old St. Paul's Cathedral in 1588 for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Mrs. James, who died at the age of thirty-five, left three sons who kneel behind her. The lovely wording extols her virtues. The other memorials can easily be read. The Candelabra is a memorial to Mrs. M. J. Rivett-Carnac who died in 1882, she was a sister of the Rev. J. W. Lockwood.

Under the tower are the memorials which were removed from the Chancel. Chief among them is the one supported by two cherubims to William Dowdeswell the Elder, Rector 1678-1711, recording the fact that he built the Chancel and the nearby Rectory. Another memorial records the virtues of his son who followed him as Rector, and the high connections of his wife Dorothy. Still another memorial here gives at length the life story of a son of this William and Dorothy named Richard, who went to London to seek his fortune and became a rich merchant: *"He so far despis'd the Empty Pomp of a splendid Funeral in that great city where he died, that he chose rather to be interred with a private decency amongst the too frequent ashes of his dear relations in this the beloved Place of his Nativity."*

THE NAVE

Believed to have had a rood loft before the Reformation, the entrance aperture leading to it can be seen almost over the pulpit. A " Perpetual " light burned before the rood. An extant record of the one in this church reads: "A lyght there. Certeyn lands gyven towards the maynteyninge of a lyght within the said parishe church for ever." At this time, 1547-1553, there were sixty-two people in Kingham old enough to receive Communion.

In 1774 a new roof was built, the old one having become dangerous. The new roof was not built without objections, "some few of the *Inhabitants who rent most and must pay in Proportion - at one time declared they never would pay.*" The cost was great "at least £150" so the good Rector ceiled the church at his own expense.

Look up high on the north wall and you will see "The New Roof" duly recorded. In the old days, Eighteenth century and earlier, the pews were of the boxed type and were owned by various people. In 1724 John Haddon applied for a Faculty " to erect a pew in the Church of four foot square, the place it is to be erected on is where no seat is nor does it belong to any other inhabitant." Pew rents were collected up to 1878.

The present pews were probably erected in 1853, but no written record of this has so far been found. The stone pew ends are believed to be unique. They were executed by the Jacksons, a Kingham family of stonemasons (a father and two sons) of that period.

The pillars down the south side are modern, being erected in 1852 when the south aisle was built. The Font is probably as old as the church.

THE NORTH AISLE

Probably as old as the church. In the east end of this aisle was once a Lady Chapel. A piscina can still be seen in the wall towards the pulpit. The aisle was repaired in 1769. The new oak panelling was a gift in 1956, it replaced similar old panelling decayed beyond repair.

THE SOUTH AISLE

Erected in 1852 in memory of Lt. Col. S. Davis by his mother, brother and sisters. This is recorded in the stained glass window at the east end of the aisle.

WINDOWS

The East Window in the Chancel was erected in 1834 by the Rector as a memorial to his little daughter Harriet Matilda who died of scarlet fever. It has no name or inscription. Just outside the Chancel door is her grave with "*To a Dear Child.*" The East Window in the South Aisle has already been referred to. In the North Aisle are memorial windows to two prominent farmers of Kingham. To William Brooks erected in 1855 and to Henry Fowler 1850. There are various other memorial windows.

THE HATCHMENT

High up on the tower north wall is the Dowdeswells' hatchment. This used to be placed outside the Rectory on the death of the head of the family.

THE TOWER

Probably built about 1380. Restored in 1915 when new pinnacles were erected.

THE BELLS

There were five bells here in 1718. A peal of six bells was installed in 1723 in a wood frame with brass bearings. These bells bore the following inscriptions:

Treble: *Peace and good neighbourhood ABR 1723*

2nd: *ABR Rvdhall cast us all 1723*

3rd: *Prosperity to this parish A.R. 1723*

4th: *Geo. Dowdeswell GT. and Tho. Hacker CH. Wardens A.R. 1723*

5th: *A.R. 1723*

Tenor: *I to the chvrch the living call and to the grave do summon all 1723*

There was also a seventh known as the "Ting Tang" (the Saint's Bell?) which had come away make no delay, 1776. This " Little Bell " which was recast in 1776 is now preserved in the church after being " lost." All these bells were rung from the clock chamber. In 1924 the old bells were removed and recast with the old inscriptions reproduced in facsimile. Two new bells were added which say "Give unto the lord the glory due unto His name; worship the lord in the beauty of holiness."

This new peal of eight bells was hung on ball bearings in a steel frame, the "Ting Tang " being removed at that time. All ringing is now done from the ground floor. The restoration of the tower in 1915, the new peal of bells in 1924 and other work, were all carried out by the late Charles Edward Baring Young at his own expense.

THE ORGAN

Erected in 1882 in memory of the Rev. J.W. Lockwood, Rector 1836-1879. It was first installed under the tower, was moved into the Chancel against the south wall (over the grave of a Rector, Charles Western) about 1895-1900. About 1912-1913 it was moved to its present position in the west end of the North Aisle.

THE CLOCK

The clock in the tower was installed in 1875 by M. V. Vernon Lockwood. It was made by E. Dent & Co., the makers of the Great Westminster Clock, which strikes Big Ben. Previous to this there was an ancient clock repaired by various men as shown in the Churchwardens' accounts.

CHAIRS

The old chair is of the Cromwell period (c.1650), the three tall elegant chairs of William and Mary (c.1690), given to the church by a past Rector.

SILVER

The Church Silver, which is not available for inspection, includes:-

- Elizabethan Chalice with Paten, silver marked & inscribed 1575 KYNGSHAM.
- Large Paten or shallow bowl engraved around the side "This was bought Anno Dmi 1629 George Morecroft being parson and Anthony Bromsgrove and Henry Huckin Churchwardens." Under the base is engraved "*Belonging to the Parish Church of Kingham.*" *The silver mark is London 1629.*
- Pair Flagon, fitted with large handle engraved "*Ecclesiae Sacrum, Ex clono Anne Gibbard.*" The silver mark is London 1694.
- Chalice, small, engraved "Ann Foley D.D. in usum Rectoris Kingham Com: Oxon 1770." The silver mark is London 1768.
- Small bowl, engraved "Kingham Church 1911." Silver mark is Chester 1909.

GATES

The Jubilee Gate was erected in 1935 between the graveyard and the adjacent field to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the reign of King George V. The Lych gate was erected in 1912 in memory of the Rev. S.D. Lockwood, Rector 1880-1911.

ELECTRIC LIGHT

Installed in 1946. A few oil lamps have been left for the sake of posterity.

GRAVEYARDS

The section nearest the Recreation Ground opened in 1854. The section to the south of the main path opened in 1884. The extension to this towards the south and west in 1920 when the old school was demolished.

RECTORS

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| 1253 | Gulfridus de Wulward. A Sub-Deacon. Presented by the Abbot and Monastery of Walden. |
| 1268 | Nicholas de Plimton |
| 1268 | Magister Richard |
| 1374 | Robert Ive |
| 1378 | John Boteler |
| 1527-1535 | Richard Wolman, D.D. Held many offices including Dean of Wells 1529, Canon of Windsor 1532. " <i>In his day the Rectory was very dilapidated, being fallen almost to the ground.</i> " |
| 1535-1555 | Stephan Farram |
| 1555-1557 | Leonard Bowden |
| 1558 | George Marbury |
| 1558-1574 | Ralph Wyllatt. In Burford Church a mural tablet records he gave a cow for the poor of Burford. |
| 1575-1601 | William James, D.D. Dean of Christchurch, afterwards Bishop of Durham. See the brass in the Chancel to his wife Katherin James. |
| 1601-1646 | George Morecroft. Prebend of Durham. Owner of Sarsden. Died 1646 after sequestration by Parliament. Buried at Churchill. |

1646-1676 Thomas Jackson. Preached "prettie well but he borroweth all." Buried in the Chancel "within the rails on the north side."

1676 Conwayne Whitborne, M.A.

1678-1711 William Dowdeswell, M.A. The Elder. Built the Rectory and Chancel in 1688.

1711-1750 William Dowdeswell, M.A. The Younger. "Two Services with one sermon every Lord's Day. Holy Communion four times a year."

1750-1783 Robert Foley D.D. Dean of Worcester.

1783-1784 E.C. Lockwood

1785 James Hare

1785-1836 Charles Western. The last Rector to have tithes in kind until he died. Buried in the Chancel near the south wall.

1836-1879 John Wm. Lockwood. Received tithes in kind until 1840. Removed the ancient "great window" in the Chancel and in its place erected the present window as a memorial to his daughter.

1880-1911 Samuel D. Lockwood, M.A. last of the hunting parsons of Kingham.

1932 William Fisher, M.A.

1950 Hugh B. Richardson

1951-1956 George C. B. Davies, D.D., M.A.

1956-1964 Alec Leslie Lumb, M.A.

1964-1978 Roger Morgan, B.A.

1979-1985 Nigel Bennett

1986-1991 David Streeter

1992-1999 John Andrews

2000- Tony Cannon F.C.A., Dip.Th.

In 1664 William Dowdeswell of Brinkworth bought the living. His son, William Dowdeswell, called in the foregoing "the Elder," became Rector in 1678. The succeeding Rectors were all his descendants or relatives (with the possible exception of C. Western) until the death of S. D. Lockwood in 1911, who left no son or other relative to succeed him.

The patron of the living then became Charles Edward Baring Young of Daylesford and Kingham Hill. The Patronage for both for Kingham and Churchill with Sarsden (the right to appoint new incumbents) is now with the Church Society.

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