



Selected items of interest you may like to see.

See the church guide book for detailed explanation and information.



6 Kempe window, 1905

Look for the vision of the crucified Christ between deer antlers as well as the wheat sheaf signature



5 Prayer corner

Pray, light a candle, and leave a prayer request

4 Display boards

Explain church history, cross shafts, listed ancient monuments

3 West wall

This wall, and the first set of nave arches, are the only remains from the Norman church, begun in the 1100s. The blocked-up arches were to lead to two extra towers



2 King John, 1199

Photo of his grant of the church and lands to the diocese

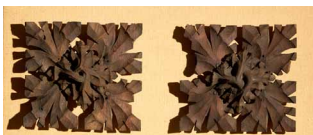
1 14th century font

'Finest of its kind in the county', Pevsner



7 Roof Bosses

Look up to see the 14th century roof bosses

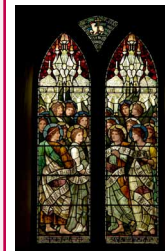


8 14th century parish chest

For records and valuables, three different locks for three keyholders



9 Pre-Raphaelite window



Henry Holiday, 1893 - adoration of the lamb by the saints

10 Chapel of St Michael & St George

Reredos by Sir Ninian Comper - altar in honour of war dead



11 Chancel

Priest's stall: lift 'seat of mercy' (misericord)



to see pun on 'achers' (three teeth that ached) and three acres to support a cow. "Works of mercy" carvings on east side of wooden screen

12 The sanctuary and altar

Ashford marble steps and mosaic floor. Twelve apostles support the crucifixion reredos above the altar. The 13th century walls incorporate sedilia (stone seats) and piscina (drain to ground for blessed water)



13 Monument to Sir George Manners

Also his wife Grace, founder of Lady Manners School



14 Monument to Sir John Manners (d.1611)

Also his wife Lady Dorothy Vernon (d.1584). Models of two of their four children have been stolen.

Also the tombs of John Vernon (d.1477) and the "King of the Peak", Sir George Vernon and his two wives

15 Newark 'new work'

Enlarged in 13th and 14th centuries; 14th century oak screen separates former chantry chapels

16 Foljambe Monument - Unique

1385 alabaster; Sir Godfrey was Constable of High Peak



17 Wooden shield

Plantagenet quarterings of England and France



18 Te Deum window, 1875

Disciples, prophets, bishops, cardinal in red and pope with triple crown

19 Royal coat of arms of Charles II

Declaration of loyalty after restoration of monarchy



External features of special interest:

Do please see some of the following if you have the time.

South Side (entrance)

- Pre-1066 grave covers, see porch display board for information
- 1793 vertical sundial by local man White Watson, a nationally famous archaeologist, geologist and sculptor
- Two 'listed monument' cross shafts, c750-1000. Protected by covers in winter; see boards inside church for information
- Octagonal tower and spire, rebuilt in the 1840s
- Victorian stonework for rebuild of centre of church with controversial 'tooth picks' above south transept
- Look up for the carved shields of Vernon and Pype families who paid for embattling of nave.

West Wall (oldest part of the church)

- Five shaped stone sarcophagi; some may have been placed in the walls, others in the floor of the church. Note drain holes
- 1160 door, carved stone and wood, chevron moulding
- Two towers started, but not built; see some of foundations and steps of one tower re-assembled on grass bank
- Change in stonework where the wall extended to the north (also on north wall where chancel was extended)
- Carved book, chalice and initials mark completion of battlements in 1400s; look up at the west end of north wall.

East End (overlooking town)

- Half window in chancel blocked by east wall of Newark to accommodate monument inside
- Bell tower, bells rung since 1616. Special peal for Queen Victoria's 1843 visit when bells had just been re-hung
- Single faced clock looks over town
- OS benchmark to the right of the door into belfry.

Selected Famous Graves

See plan in the church, which lists all memorials and graves. Three popular with visitors are:

- Ann Greaves originator of the Bakewell Pudding; shown as a "relict" (not widow), no 132
- White Watson famous in so many disciplines, no 272
- Thomas Stratton who fell during the 1840s rebuilding; buried where his body rolled, no 527.

Site Complexity

Few large churches are built on such a hillside:

- See how the floor at the west end is 8ft below ground
- See how at the east end it rises 8ft above ground level
- Historians suggest the planned west towers were not built because of the depth needed for the foundations.

Our welcome for visitors includes:

- Free entry and free photography for private use
- 'Open door' cafe at published times
- Wheelchair access via vestry – on west side
- Prayer corner and space for quiet reflection
- Guide book (£2), display boards
- Christian books and cards available to buy
- Leaflets about Christian faith
- Guided tours may be possible with notice
- Weekday and Sunday services, see published times
- An invitation to forthcoming events
- Links with local museum, close to our lych-gate
- Website: www.bakewellchurch.co.uk

Church Guide Book (£2)

This detailed commentary, with excellent photos, will help you understand more about the church, as well provide a souvenir of your visit and, we hope, the incentive to visit again.

Donations

A huge church in a town of just 4,000 people (and four other churches) is a financial challenge. This was once a mother church for an area that spread from Baslow to Buxton. We now work hard to maintain and extend an active Christian community and to preserve the ancient building with its invaluable artefacts. We are grateful for every donation, especially if a gift aid declaration can be completed.

Events

The church organises, hosts or participates in flower and Christmas Tree festivals, music and choral concerts, bell ringing peals, well dressings, a pantomime, carnival procession and many other community activities.

Plans for the Future

English Heritage and Lottery grants are being sought, guided by the chair of Bakewell Historical Society, to provide a welcome and display area inside the church to preserve and exhibit the cross shafts and the collection of ancient stone work.

Old House Museum

While you are here why not walk the 50m or so from the lych-gate to the museum, which dates from 1534 in the reign of Henry VIII? Open 11am to 4pm, April to October.



All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell



A brief guide to help you find your way around



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