

Churches in the Benefice

All Saints', Thorpe Bassett
St Andrew's, Rillington
St Martin's, Scampston
St Peter's, Wintringham
St John the Baptist, Yedingham
St Edmund's, Knapton
All Saints', West Heslerton
St Andrew's, East Heslerton
St Hilda's, Sherburn

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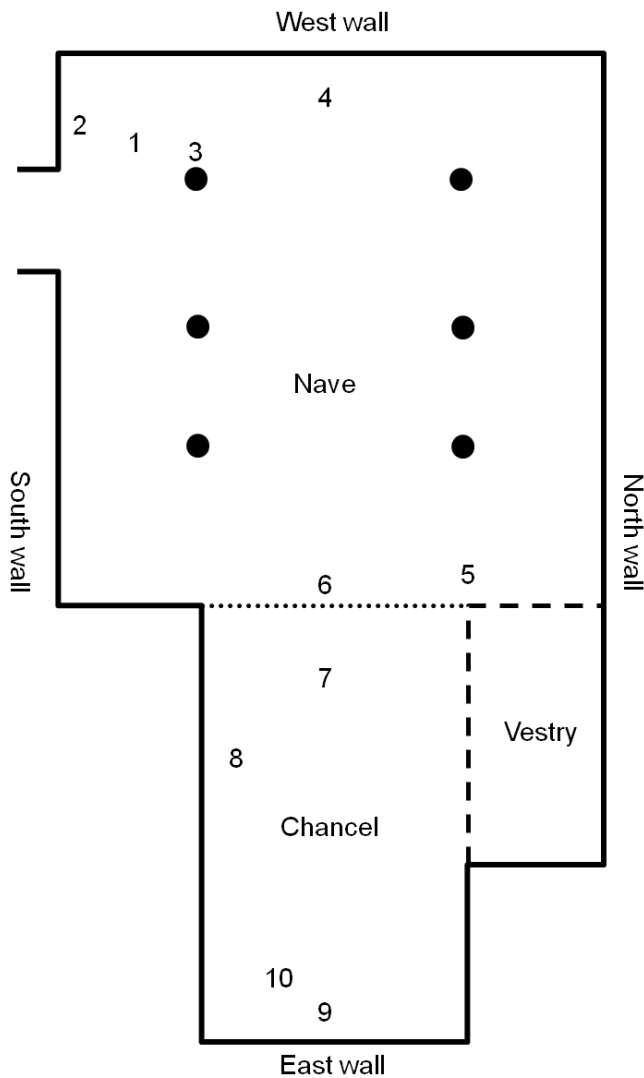
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St MARTIN'S CHURCH



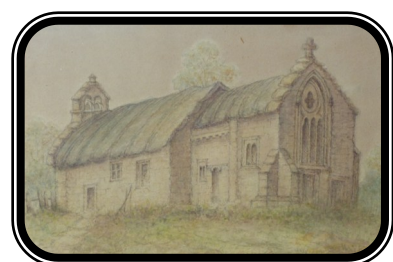
SCAMPSTON

Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



Welcome to our Church of St Martin. As you came through the porch you may have seen on the board the notice explaining that Martin was Bishop of Tours in France in AD371, a popular Medieval Saint with at least 173 churches dedicated to him in England. As you enter the church your first thought may have been “gosh how small”, especially if you have already visited any of the other churches in the Benefice, but you must remember Scampston is also a small village. We hope that you will find much to interest you as you start to explore.

Just inside the door immediately to the left is the font with its beautifully carved (1) PINNACLE COVER. If you look up to the ceiling you will see the original pulley which would have been used to raise the cover when the font was going to be used for a baptism. Today it is the job of two strong men.

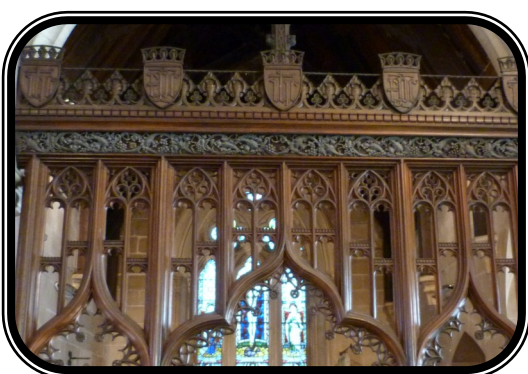
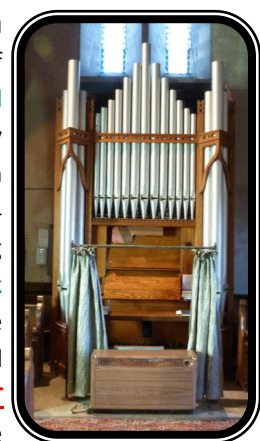


On the wall immediately to the left of the font is an (2) ETCHING by G Nicholson Chalton dated 1813 showing the old church before the later restoration work was done. You will notice there is no porch and the church seems to stand further back from the lane with the path at an angle, the roof is more barrelled and may even be thatched. In fact if you go outside with a copy of this guide you will quickly decide that the church appears to have been almost completely rebuilt since 1813. As you start to walk into the main body of the church, the Nave, pause to note the (3) ROLL OF HONOUR hanging, prominently, on the first pillar on your right. You will notice 43 names, all men who went to serve in the Navy or Army during the Great War 1914 - 18. This was nearly a quarter of the whole village population as the 1911 Census show the population of the village to be only 198. Thankfully most returned as you will only find six names

on the brass memorial tablets, which you will see later in your tour, on the left of the pulpit. On your left, under the bell tower, is the (4) ORGAN. It was built by Summers & Barnes who were organ builders in York and installed on 24 September 1908. It is still played during our services. If you now turn and walk towards the altar you will appreciate the beautifully carved (5) HOODED PULPIT



The hood is a device to help the vicar's voice be heard when giving a sermon. Now many churches use a microphone and loop system. The carved wooden lectern holding the bible is alongside the pulpit and a wooded screen separates the Nave from the Chancel. The (6) SCREEN is surmounted with a Cross with each arm ending in a circle representing the sun and the emptiness of the cross indicating the Risen Lord, The Light of the World. The frieze of vine and grapes represents bounty and plenty. There are many flowers included in much of the carving,



very appropriate in a country church, but the sharp eyed amongst you may notice unfortunately we are missing some of them.

On entering the Chancel you will notice the (7) TILED FLOOR in a medieval design but Victorian. Although the tiles are now partially hidden by the carpet runner they do, in fact, cover the whole floor. To the left and right we have the (8) CHOIR STALLS with the wooded carved Bishops mitres at each entrance and the small, draught excluding, door. Above the choir stall on the left you will see a memorial to William Herbert St Quintin who had the Chancel screen, choir stalls, altar, pulpit and prayer desk made for the church.



They were installed and dedicated on 27th December 1906. To either side of the (9) ALTAR are two very plain floor-standing (10)

CANDLE HOLDERS. Their simplicity is a deception as they are beautifully carved in memory of a Battle of Britain Pilot who was killed over Dunkirk on 1 June 1940. As you leave the chancel pause to look at the window on the left. Here we discover the puzzle we set you when you first entered our church for the dedication at the bottom of the window shows that the church was rebuilt in 1845. Before you leave our church do take time to admire the beautiful kneelers. They were all worked by local people in memory of somebody but may be stacked at the time of your visit to protect them from dirt. We hope you have enjoyed your little tour; take time now to pause, rest awhile in a pew, and think quietly about this lovely building and all those who've worshiped here over the years and work to keep our church open to everyone.

