

Hello Heritage...

Heather St. John the Baptist Church



The church was Grade 11* listed on 24th November 1965

St. John the Baptist was 'established' in the 12th century as a chapel for the Knight Hospitallers and the adjacent Heather Preceptory, which was founded before 1199.

The current Church dates from the early 14th century and is a Grade 11* listed building, which recognises its importance as a largely medieval structure.



The Clock

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The memorial clock was installed in the church tower by Messrs J & H Dronfield in memory of their parents. There is a memorial tablet in the church. It is fixed to the eastern side of the tower facing the roadway.

The hammer strikes the Tenor Bell on the hour and requires winding once a week. The dial is cast in iron open framework with roman numerals. The finish is of hard black enamel and 23 carat gold leaf.



The East Window

In 1885 the stained-glass panels were installed in the chancel east window, made by Burlison and Grylls of London. The Agnus Dei and musical angels are shown in the tracery, and a crucifixion is shown below, together with an image of the prophet Elias, and a series of images telling the story of John the Baptist.

The window is a memorial to the Belcher family.



War memorial—the Church Organ

An unusual War memorial to those of the village who fell in WW1 is the Church Organ, although it was subsequently restored as a memorial to the fallen of the Second World War as well. This is situated at the west end of the nave, in front of the tower arch, positioned on an oak gallery in 1924.

The inscription reads: To the Glory of God, this organ was erected and dedicated in grateful memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War.