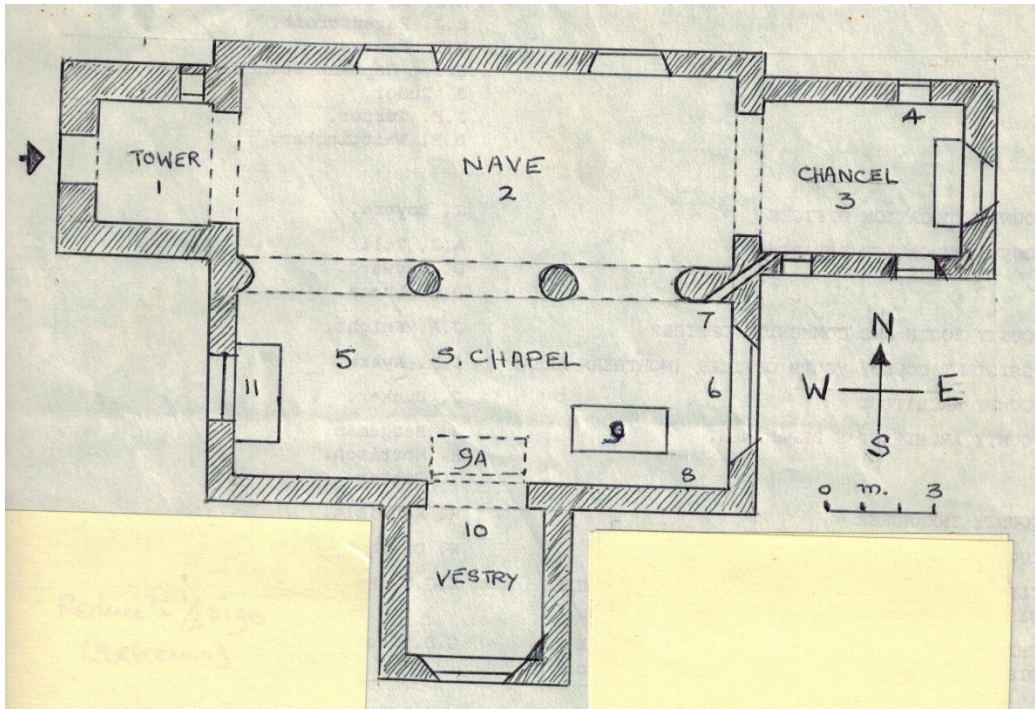


Short Tour of St Bartholomew's Church



Enter through the tower (1) begun in 1539.

Note the shields above the door and the Tudor style to the door frame. The inner door contains fragments of Glass from 19th century.

Enter the nave (2) through the inner door.

The nave (2) and the Chancel (3) follow the plan of the first stone church dated about 1155. The north window in the chancel (4) is one of the few surviving Norman features.

The nave (2) contains most of the pews where the worshippers sit, kneel and stand during a church service. There is a lectern which carries a heavy Bible. There is a pulpit (Jacobean) above the lectern from which the preacher can speak. There is an arch decorated with flowers from recent weddings.

Enter the chancel (3) through the decorated archway.

Note the gloriously rich decoration. The chancel was remodelled, redecorated and reglazed by Sir Ninian Comper (1864-1960) as a memorial to Vincent Corbet who died in 1903 at the age of 13. His portrait appears as the kneeling figure in the right hand light of the window above the altar. His coat of arms, indicating his having died, appears in the middle light.

Above the altar there is a canopy. It is decorated with the coats of arms of the Corbet family (the Raven on a gold background) and the coats of arms of the ancestry of many families from which the Corbets found their wives.

Return to the South Chapel aisle (5) dated about 1340

Note the East window (6), with its tracery and Victorian glass. This glass (1891) depicts the children and grandchildren of Sir Vincent Corbet (died 1910). Note the squint (7) allowing priest and people a view of the main altar. And note a piscina and aumbry (8).

The chest tomb (9) is to Sir Robert Corbet (died 1513) and his wife, Elizabeth Vernon of Tong and Haddon Hall; figures without wings represent their children. Note also the wall monuments. The Vestry (10) was the family pew of 1778. Also note the blocked south door to the Castle. A further chest tomb (11) is that of Sir Richard Corbet who died 1567 and his wife Margaret Saville.

Before you leave

Please sign the visitor's book.

If you wish, pause a moment, and sit quietly in a pew and say a prayer.