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**St Mary the Virgin church, Yatton**

**Part 2. Inside the church**

**De Wyck and Newton chapels**

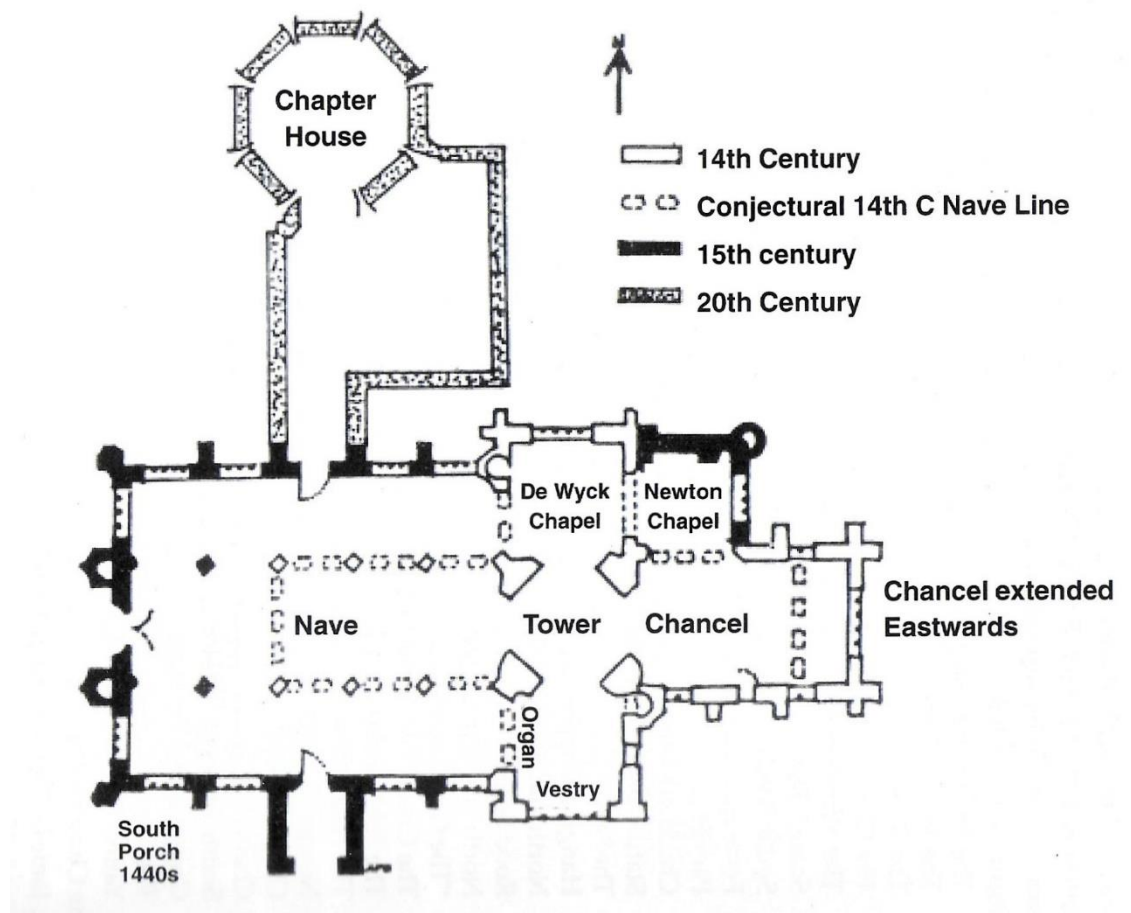
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## YATTON CHURCH INSIDE

### PART 2 – DE WYCK AND NEWTON CHAPELS



Please enter the chapels via the north aisle.

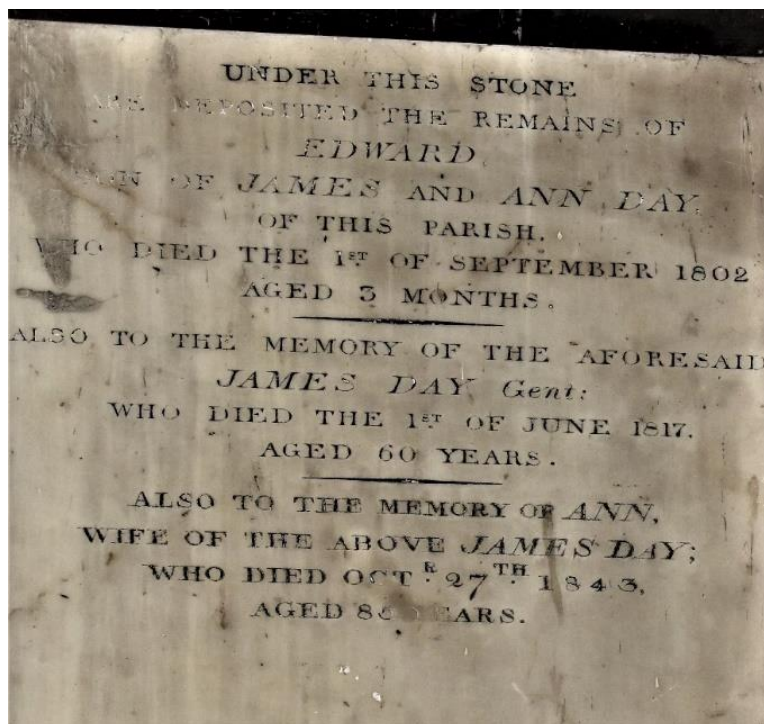
## DE WYCK CHAPEL

The chapel is said to date from 1280.



The door to the right once led to the Rood loft.

Above and to the right of this door is the following plaque.



UNDER THIS STONE  
ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF  
EDWARD  
SON OF JAMES AND ANN DAY  
OF THIS PARISH  
WHO DIED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 1802  
AGED 3 MONTHS  
ALSO TO THE MEMORY OF THE AFORESAID  
JAMES DAY GENT  
WHO DIED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 1817  
AGED 60 YEARS  
ALSO TO THE MEMORY OF ANN  
WIFE OF THE ABOVE JAMES DAY  
WHO DIED OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 1843  
AGED 85 YEARS





The large chest has three locks for the three keys. The vicar held one and two churchwardens the other keys which had to be used together to open the chest.

## Wyck Tombs

There are two recesses in the north wall, with broad cusped ogee gables. They contain two civilian effigies of about 1325, presumably man and wife. Some presume these to be Sir Robert de Gyene who married Egelina de Wyck when she was a widow. She held the Court de Wyck, Yatton.



The male effigy made of Dundry stone, is 5ft 10 inches long and wears a long coat or gown to his ankles with tight fitting sleeves. His feet rest on a lion.





His belt has a four-leaf flower.



The effigy has a short beard, drooping moustaches, and the hair on his head (resting on a bolster) is in curls.



The female effigy adjoining the male effigy is possibly Egilina de Wyck.



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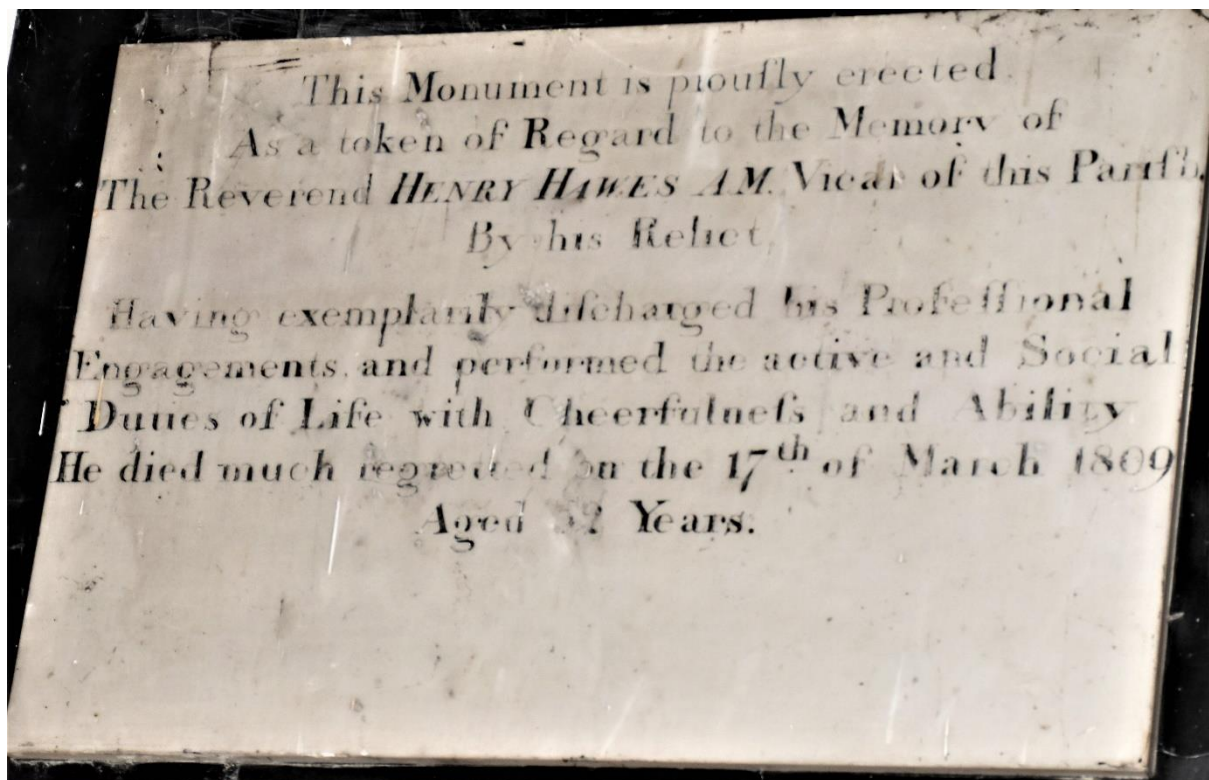
This Dundry stone effigy is 4 feet 11 inches long, the lower portion having been cut off. Her hands are raised in prayer. She wears a kirdle (long gown or dress) with tight fitting sleeves and cote-hardie (a close-fitting outer garment with long sleeves).



A mantle is fastened around the shoulders with two cords. She has a barbe (short scarf) and four kerchieves surround the head, the inner one filling her head and enclosing the forehead and side of face,

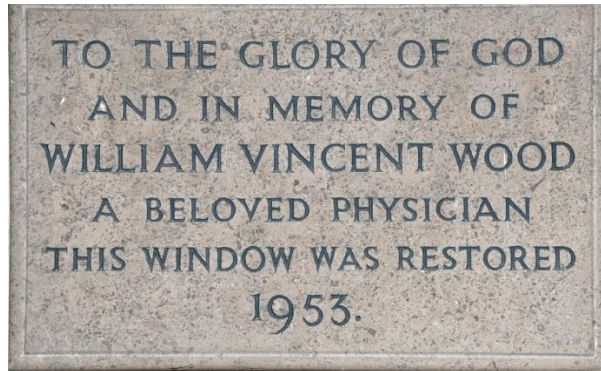


On the north wall above the male effigy is this plaque.



This monument is proudly erected  
As a token of Regard to the Memory of  
The Reverend HENRY HAWES A.M. Vicar of this Parish  
By his Relict  
Having exemplarily discharged his Professional  
Engagements and performed the active and Social  
Duties of Life with Cheerfulness and Ability  
He died much regretted on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1809  
Aged 52 Years

Another plaque is above the centre of two Wyke tombs.



The Perpendicular window (left), above the plaque, replaced a Decorated period window.



On the south wall near the western entrance is a list of vicars and churchwardens covering the period 1084 to 1825.

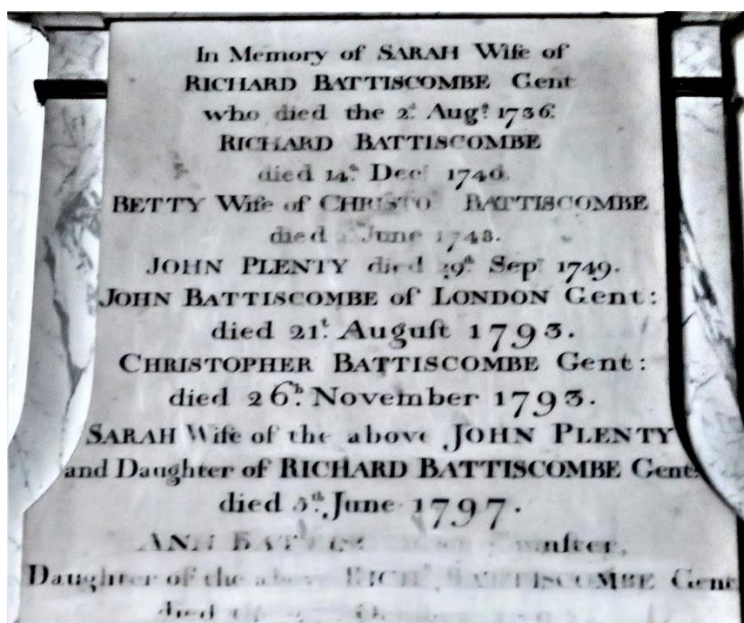
VICARS AND CHURCHWARDENS OF YATTON.			
<p>PERGUE AND AIDS OF THE SILVONS OF YATTON.</p> <p>The insertion of the Newton family even (the gate of Watton) in the newly-built beautiful house (predecessor to the north tower) for Court de Wyck Chapel of Watton Church, has suggested the giving of some account of the pedigree and arms of the Newtons, who, with the de Wycks, were such noble benefactors to Watton Church in the 14th and 15th centuries, and several of whom found a last resting place within it. We are indebted to the Somerset historian, Collinson, for some of the following information.</p> <p>The original name of the Newton family was Cradock, of Newton in Herefordshire, in Wales. The first of this family of whom we have any certain account was Howell ap. Gron, Lord of Newton, whose son, Cradock ap. Howell ap. Gron, was father to Sir William Cradock, Bart., Lord of Newton in the time of Edward II., who married a daughter of Sir Matthew Wigton, and was father of another William who married Sir William Dymmer's daughter, and had issue John Cradock also Lord of Newton. This John married the daughter of Sir John Dye, and had a son, Robert Cradock, who married the daughter of Nicholas Stanbury, whose arms (Lima, three hills in fess, sable) impaling those of the de Chelders (sable, a chevron ermine, between three escallops, argent) are on a shield on the parapet where the delicate carving on the face of the beautiful south porch of Watton Church.</p> <p>John Cradock was the issue of this marriage. He married Sir Peter Russell's daughter and left a son of his own name, who married Margaret, daughter of Howell Myrthorpe, of Gwent-Ordn, and became father of Sir Richard Cradock, the first to assume the name of Newton from his knighthood in Wales. He was buried (about 1449) in the de Wyck Chapel in Watton Church, under the rich alabaster tomb which is so much admired. In A.D. 1480 he was recorder of Bristol, and on November 30th, 1480, was appointed judge of common pleas, and on October 10th, 1480, he was raised to the chief justiceship and presided there for nearly three years. He was the father of the side of the judge, generally supposed to have been Emma, daughter of Sir Thomas Perrot, of Ellington, whose arms were given, three years pendant or, which, according to Collinson, were to be seen in 1780 on the tomb, impaled with those of the Newtons (argent on a chevron azure, and which the Sherborne coat as on the south porch before mentioned. She died A.D. 1475.</p> <p>The judge's eldest son, Sir John Newton, married Isabel, daughter of Thomas de Cheldor, of Chert de Wyck, and the Newton Chapel, of which he was and named in their will "our new chapel of St. John in the Church of Our Lady of Watton," and in it they were buried under a magnificent carved monument with a unique carving of the communion table above the figures, in which the Blessed Virgin is represented crowned. Sir John died in 1477. His widow was churchwarden of Watton in 1486. Dame Isabel's obituary being a certain John Bullocke. The churchwardens accounts for that year are still in existence. Dame Isabel built the south porch, putting upon it her arms (the Cheldor coat) and the Sherborne arms as ancestors of her husband's. She died in 1480, but no date of death is added to her will. In 1874, Prebendary Burnard published these Newton wills in the Watton Parish Magazine. T. G. S.</p>			
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1087	First—Peter Anselme		
1097	— Walter Morel		
1107	— Geoffrey		
1131	First—Richard Triloke		
1409	— Henry Hyllke		
1421	— William Gave		
1430	— John Hamton		
1440	— Richard Bishop		
No date	— John Payne		
VICARS AND CHURCHWARDENS, 1445-1860.			
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St Mary's Church Yatton 2020

To the right of the table tomb on the left is the following plaque.



In memory of SARAH Wife of  
 RICHARD BATTISCOMBE Gent

Who died 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1736

RICHARD BATTISCOMBE

died 14<sup>th</sup> December 1740

BETTY Wife of CHRISTO BATTISCOMBE

died ? June 1748

JOHN PLENTY died 19th September 1749

JOHN BATTISCOMBE of LONDON Gent

died 21<sup>st</sup> August 1793

CHRISTOPHER BATTISCOMBE Gent

Died 26<sup>th</sup> November 1793

SARAH Wife of the above JOHN PLENTY

and Daughter of RICHARD BATTISCOMBE Gent

died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1797

ANN BATTISCOMBE Spinster

Daughter of the above RICHARD BATTISCOMBE Gent

Died the (...) October (18)00 (..)





Before the Newton chapel was built the squint or hagioscope was inserted into the tower column. It allowed the assistant priest to keep in time with the vicar at the High Altar. The Host could therefore be elevated simultaneously. In the South Transept (vestry) there is said to be evidence of another squint.



Top left: The view through the squint.

Top right and left is a plaque that sits in the squint which reads

WM SAY & JAS PARSONS  
CHURCHWARDENS

SAML SPROD PLUMBER 1825





The top of the cupboard is inscribed

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ELLA THOMPSON  
WHO LOVED THIS CHURCH AND WORSHIPPED HERE  
BY HER FRIEND E. HILEY  
EPIPHANY 1928



This bookcase is to the right of the cupboard and has this plaque



IN MEMORY OF  
BRENDA SUSAN TRAVIS  
DIED MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 1962  
AGED 13 YEARS



On the north side are the war memorial and British Legion flags.





1914.			
L.CPL	GALE	ARTHUR J.	7 <sup>TH</sup> GLOSTER REGT
TPR	JACKSON	GEORGE	NORTH SOM.YEOMANRY
PTE	KINGCOTT	HAROLD J.	1 <sup>ST</sup> BATT.GRENADIER GUARDS
TPR	SIMS	OLIVER C.	1 <sup>ST</sup> DRAGOON GUARDS
1915.			
COLSGT	BABER	HENRY M.	4 <sup>TH</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
L.CPL	CLARK	HAROLD E.	1 <sup>ST</sup> GLOSTER REGT
PTE	PAYNE	WILFRED H.	1 <sup>ST</sup> BATT.AUSTRALIAN E.T.F.
1916.			
PTE	BABER	WILLIAM H.	1 <sup>ST</sup> 24 <sup>TH</sup> LONDON REGT
PTE	COOPER	FRANK T.	6 <sup>TH</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
CPL	EDWARDS	WILLIAM G.	2 <sup>ND</sup> C <sup>O</sup> S.MIDLAND R.E.
SPR	GATRELL	WILLIAM G.	R.E.
PTE	GREGORY	WILLIAM	7 <sup>TH</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE	JOHNSON	HENRY D.	1 <sup>ST</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE	MASTERS	WILLIAM	3 <sup>RD</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE	MILLS	ALBERT G.	10 <sup>TH</sup> DEVON REGT
PTE	SIMMONDS	L.GUNDRY	54 <sup>TH</sup> BATT.CANADIAN B.E.F.
PTE	SKUSE	GRANTLY	12 <sup>TH</sup> GLOSTER REGT
PTE	TUTTON	HENRY	2 <sup>ND</sup> BATT.GRENADIER GUARDS

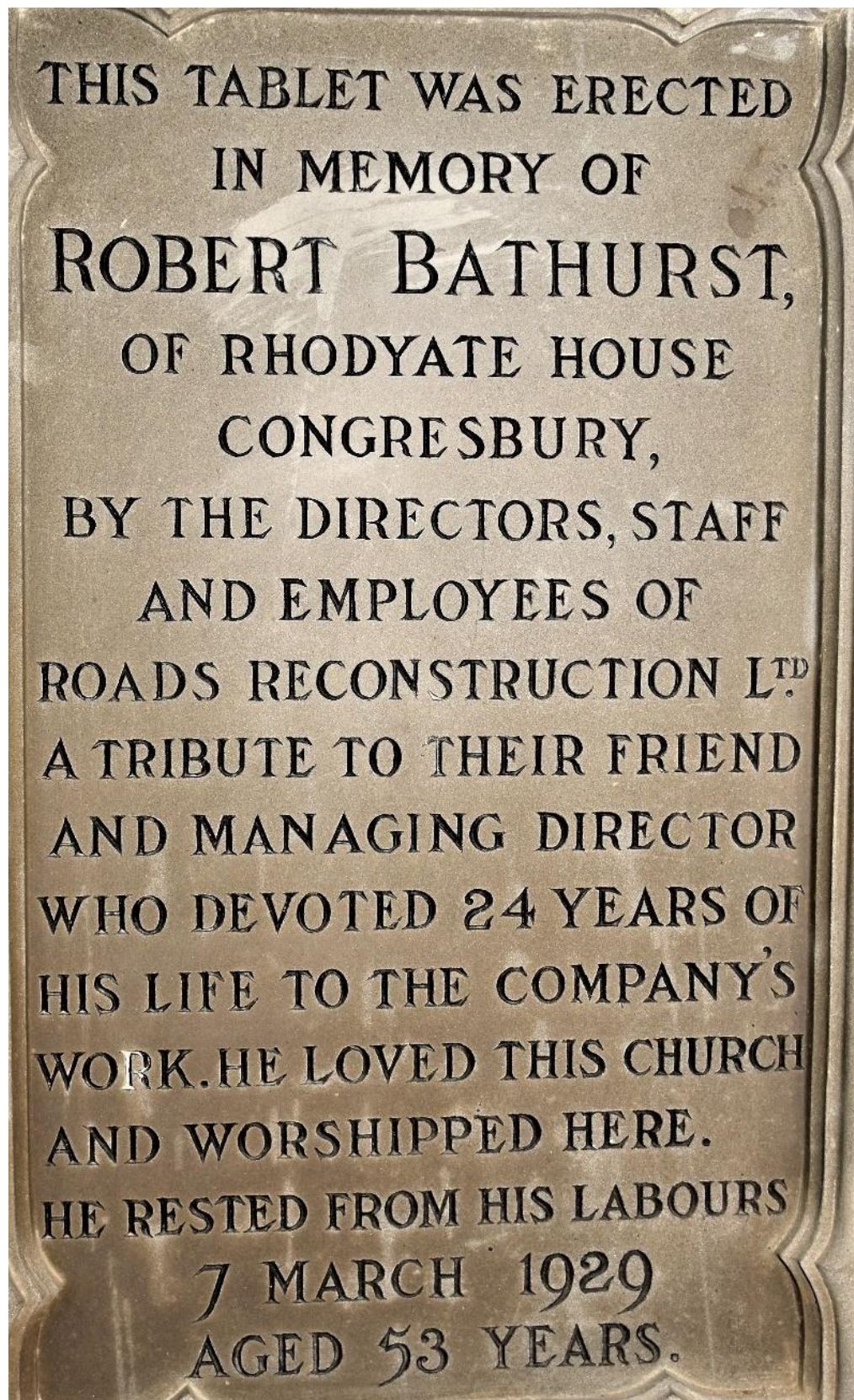
1917.			
GNR	HEAL	SIDNEY C.	R.G.A.
CPL	MACEY	WILLIAM	R.G.A.
PTE	MAY	HENRY	7 <sup>TH</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
L.CPL	METHUEN	LEONARD C.	1 <sup>ST</sup> DUKE OF CORNWALLS L.I.
PTE	PARSONS	HUBERT S.	10 <sup>TH</sup> DEVON REGT
LIEUT	SIMMONDS	A.GUNDRY	R.F.A.
TPR	TAMBLING	CECIL F.	NORTH SOM.YEOMANRY
SPR	WEAVER	HENRY J.	R.E.
PTE	WEBSTER	GEORGE R.	9 <sup>TH</sup> DEVON REGT
PTE	WYNN	BERT P.	9 <sup>TH</sup> YORKSHIRE REGT
1918.			
SPR	BEACHAM	GEORGE	R.E.
PTE	FARTHING	VINCENT J.	12 <sup>TH</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE	JOHNSON	NORMAN P.	1 <sup>ST</sup> SOM.LIGHT INFANTRY
QMSGT	MILLS	MONTAGUE G.	R.A.M.C.
PTE	PALMER	STANLEY A.(M.M)	2 <sup>ND</sup> HAMPSHIRE REGT
CPL	SMITH	HARRY S.	R.E.
SERG	SPARSHATT	STANLEY	R.F.A.
PTE	JENKINS	HERBERT	R.M.L.I (1919)



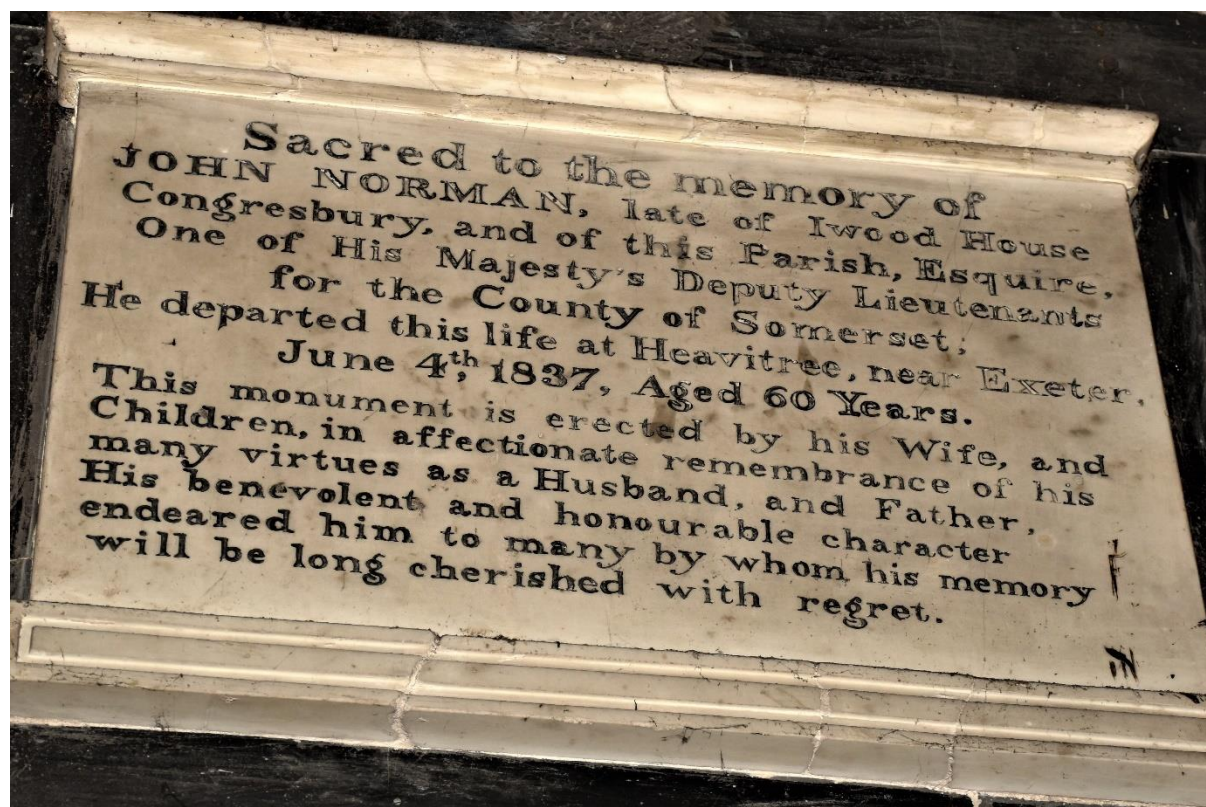


The following plaques are on the wall by the war memorial brass plaque.











IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM HENRY AND  
CHRISTIANA SHINER  
A GIFT OF £100 WAS MADE  
TOWARDS THE INSTALLATION OF  
ELECTRIC LIGHT IN THIS CHURCH  
BY THEIR DAUGHTER  
ELSIE FLORENCE SHINER  
1930



## CHEST TOMB

The chest tomb is the alabaster tomb of Sir Richard Newton and his second wife Emmota de Sherborne. Sir Richard was the Chief Justice of Common Pleas, West Country's senior judge. He died aged 78 in 1448. His second wife, who was younger, died in 1476.

They lived at Walton near Clevedon. Sir Richard bought the manor of Wyke which he willed to his son John Newton. It was John who commissioned the alabaster tomb as a memorial to his parents.



Looking towards the east.



Note that the heads of the figures have been mutilated, presumably during the Reformation.



The figures on the south side are intact. It is thought this side was against a wall at the time of the Reformation and survived mutilation.





Close up view – south side of tomb



North side.





Again the heads of the figures on the north side have been removed.





East side looking west. This side has also been mutilated.





Sir Richard has a Sergeant's coif (close fitting hat) on his head.







Sir Richard's head rests on a wheat sheaf the Newton crest. He supported the House of Lancaster and so wears a red gown and Lancastrian knight chain (the Collar of Essex).



Sir Richard has a wallet on his side. Note the red colour of his gown.



Under Emmota de Sherborne's headdress is by a pair of arms.





A pair of dogs rest at Sir Richard' feet.





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The roof is the same as that in the nave





The roof light.

In 1905/6 the floors of the De Wyck and Newton chapels were re-laid with Italian mosaic tiling.

The floor contains the following:



Wheatsheaf the Newton family crest. (There are several of these)



I H S – IOSO HEMON SOTER (Jesus our Saviour).



The Tree of Life with, beneath it, the name Battiscombe.

NON OMNIS MORIAR is translated as I shall not die completely.



The fleur de Lis.



## **NEWTON CHAPEL (THE CHANTRY CHAPEL OF ST JOHN)**

In 1491-95 the northeast chapel was built, shortly after the death in 1488 of Sir John Newton.



The lectern contains the following plaque

RESTORED IN 1989  
IN MEMORY OF  
WALTER JAMES BROOM  
1914 - 1984



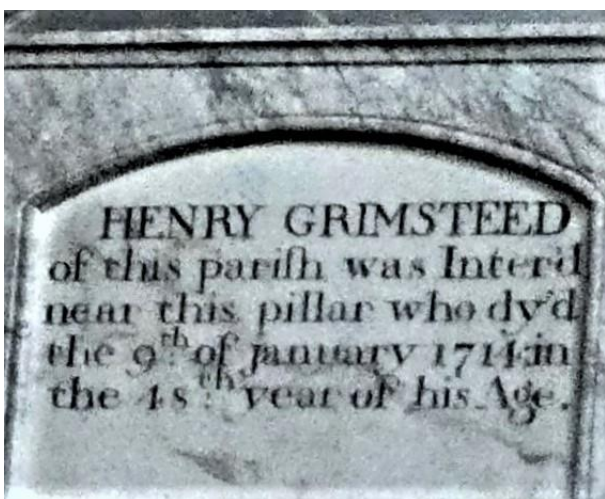
The Wyck chapel viewed from the Norton chapel.



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The south-west wall contains the following plaque



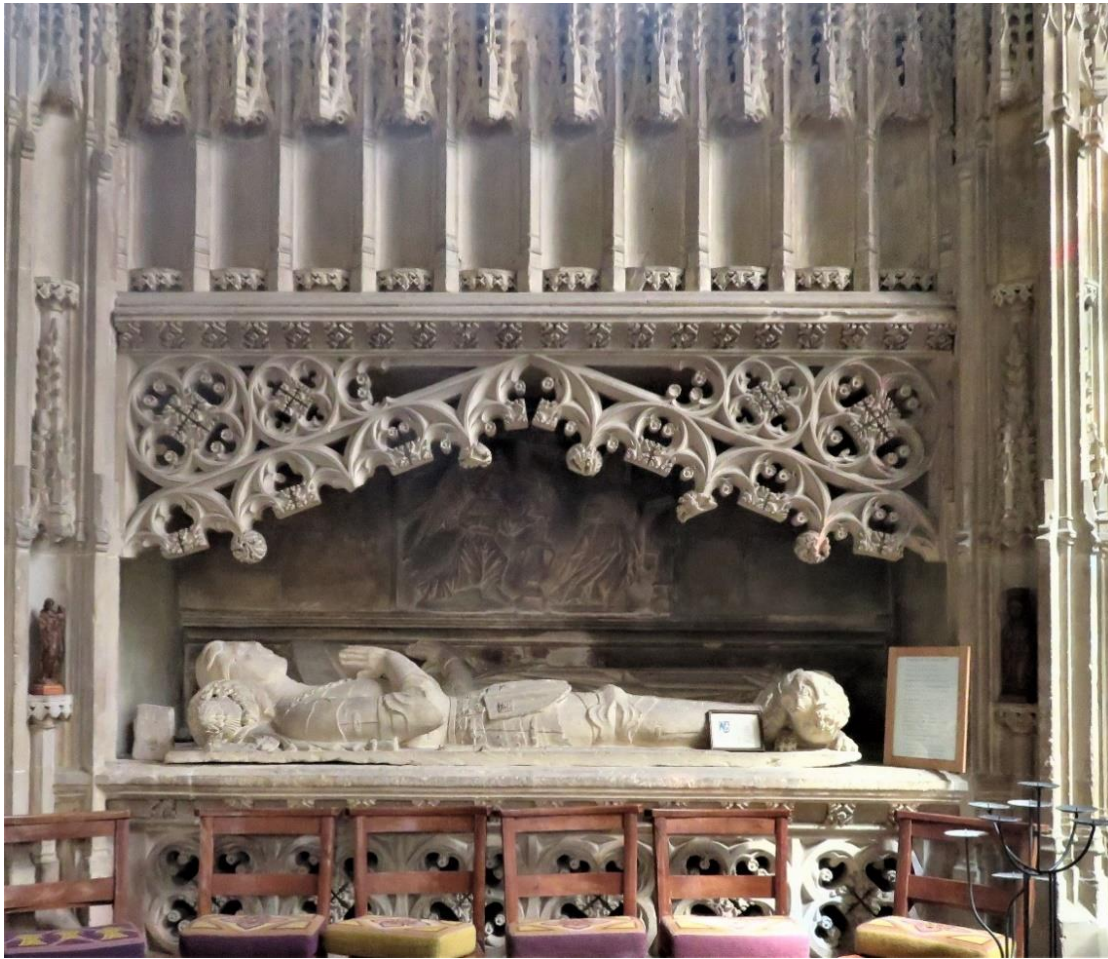
HENRY GRIMSTEAD

Of this parish was Inter'd

near this pillar who dyd

The 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1714 in

The 48<sup>th</sup> year of his Age



The elaborately canopied wall tomb contains effigies to Sir John and his wife Lady Isabel de Cheddre of Court de Wyck, Yatton. Sir John, the soldier son of Judge Newton, died in 1488. Lady Isabel was a churchwarden from 1496-97, who died in 1498. It was Lady Isabel who built the chantry chapel of St John the Evangelist, which was restored in 1906.

The tomb has broad buttresses and pinnacles left and right of the recess and must have been even more magnificent before the Reformation.

Pevsner describes "A low Tudor arch has pretty open work cusps (the intersections of lobed or scalloped forms, particularly in arches), *open work tracery* (the impression of a frame or outline which forms a pattern of interlacing or interconnected lines) *in the spandrels* (ornamented space between the right or left exterior curve of an arch and an enclosing right angle) *and much crocketing*. (crocket is a small carved ornament).





Above the arch frieze are ten niches which once held figures.



Is this the remains of one?





The section of a possible figure is on the left of Sir John, whose head rests on a wheat sheaf. He also wears the Lancastrian knight chain (the Collar of Essex).



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Lady Isabel



Sir John's feet rest on a lion.





Close up of lion.



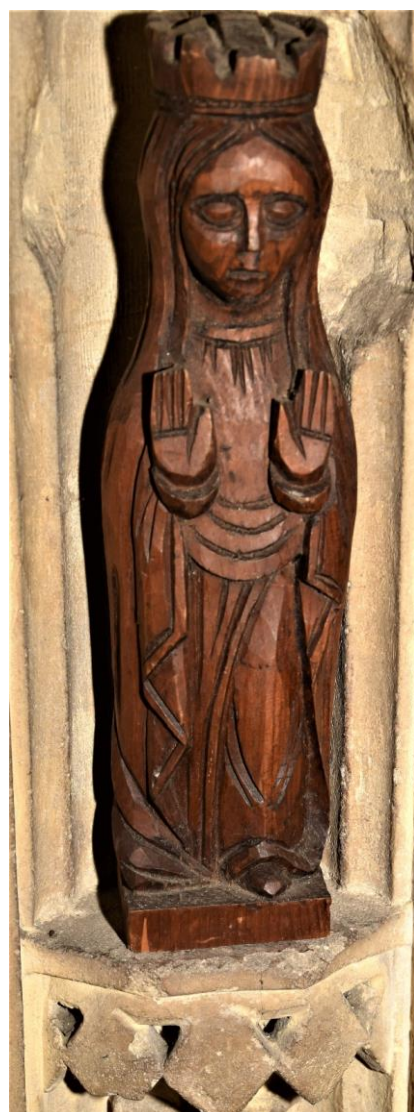
Against the backwall is this ancient, unique base relief of the Annunciation (the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus)



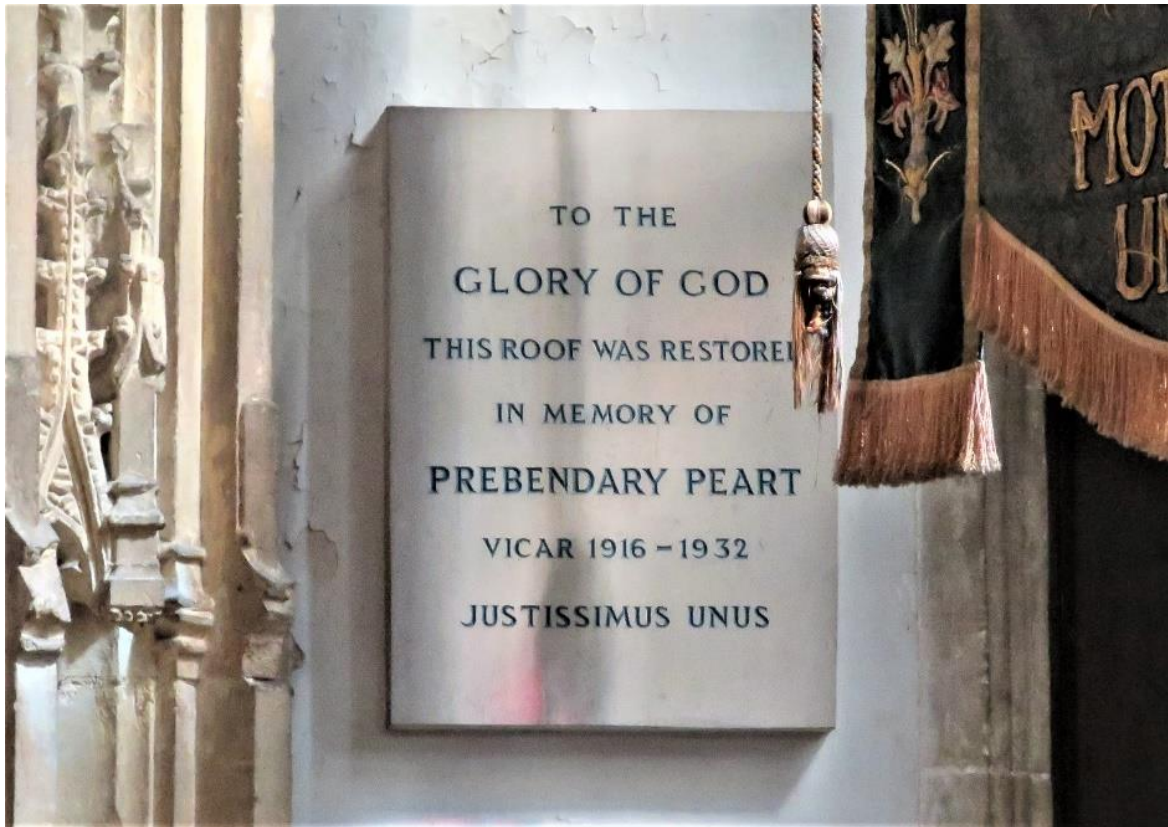


Left hand figure.

To the left and right of the effigies are these statues



Right hand figure.



To the right of the tomb is this plaque

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
THIS ROOF WAS RESTORED  
IN MEMORY OF  
PREBENDARY PEART  
VICAR 1916 - 1932  
JUSTISSIMUS UNIS



The roof



The roof corbels.



At the far east end of the chapel is this canopied stone Piscina whose function was to dispose of the water used to rinse the Holy Communion chalice.



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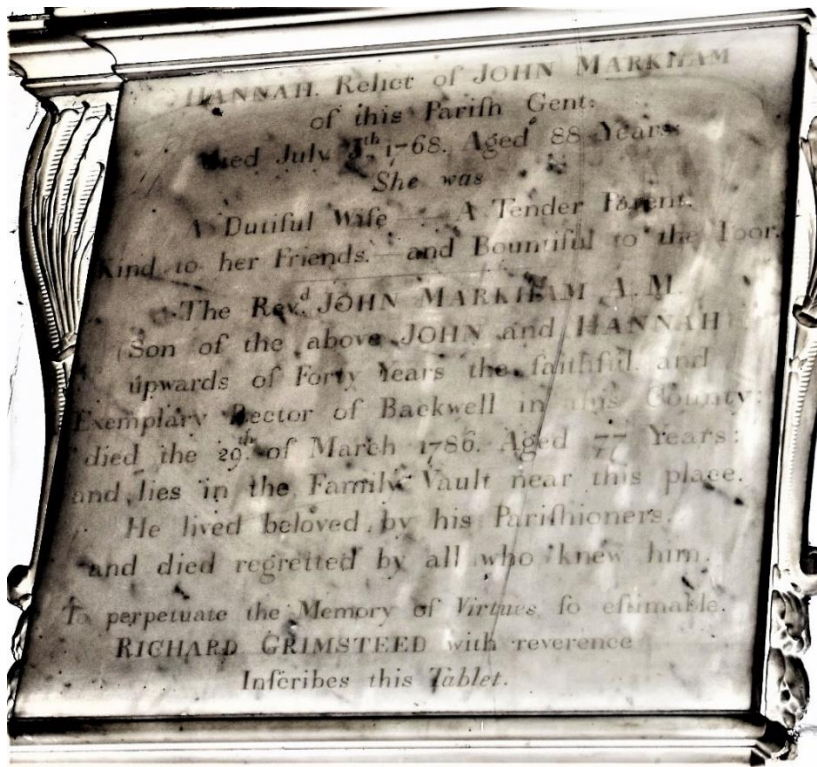
The piscina is no longer used.





The plaque above the door leading to the chapel has the inscription as follows.





HANNAH Relict of JOHN MARKHAM

Of this Parish Gent

died July the ? 1768 Aged 88

She was a Dutiful Wife A Tender Parent

Kind to her Friends and Bountiful to the Poor

The Revd JOHN MARKHAM A M

Son of the above JOHN and HANNAH

Upwards of Forty Years the faithful and

Exemplary Rector of Backwell in this County

Died the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1786 Aged 77 Years

and lies in the Family Vault near this place

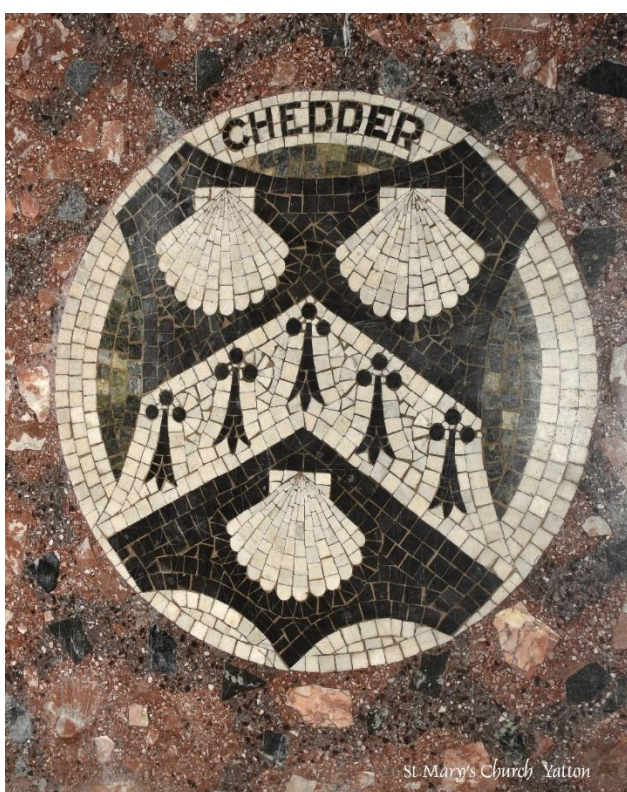
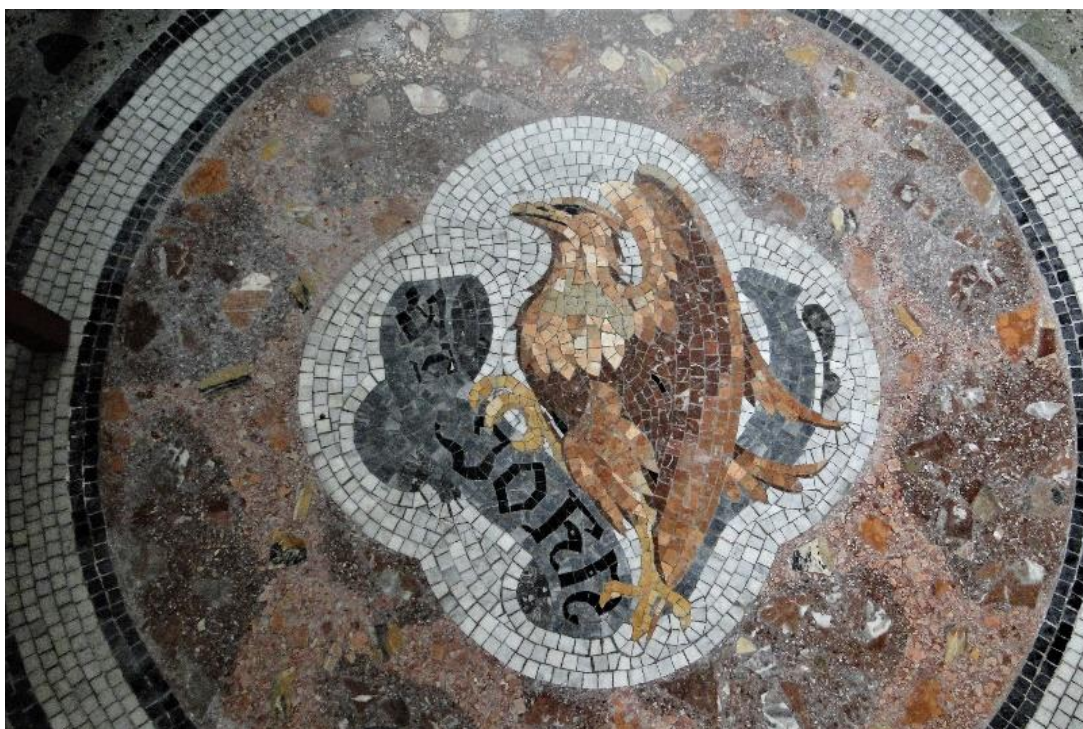
He lived beloved by his Parishioners

and died regretted by all who knew him

perpetuate the memory of Virtues so estimable

RICHARD GRIMSTEED with reverence

Inscribes this Tablet



The chapel floor contains the Eagle of St John (above) and the Chedder crest of Lady Isabel on the left.





The Perpendicular east window, dedicated Whitsun 1929, has stained glass - the work of Messrs Powell of London.

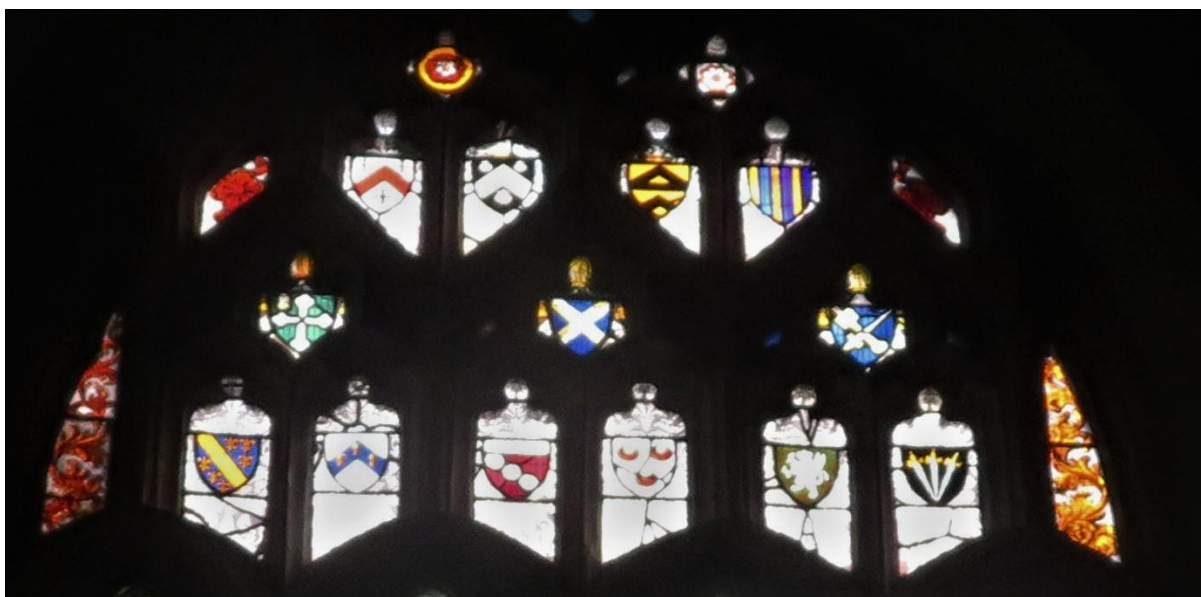
It is inscribed as follows

To the Glory of God in memory  
of Alfred de Courcy Lyons M B  
died 18 June 1897 and Carew his wife  
died 17 June 1926 by their children

A thank offering (*from*)  
Fiddina Edward Peart, B A Priest  
and Mary Coulson his wife 1928

In loving memory of Frances  
Gwenllian  
Lucas died 10 May 1926  
By Yatton  
Branch G.F.S. relations and friends

In loving memory of Ella  
Thompson  
died 15 Nov 1926 also of Charles  
Aubrey Rowley A.R.I.B.A. Vicar's  
Warden 1915-1923 Died 25 July  
1927



Heraldic shields

Top row.

De Wyck, Cheddre, De Lisle, Gourney.

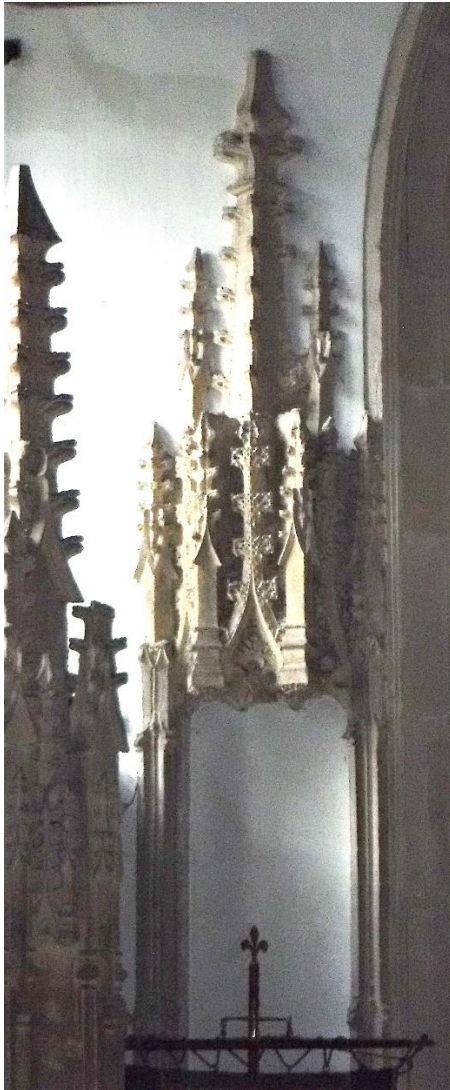
Centre row

Glastonbury Abbey (restored 1927), See of Wells (restored 1908), Bath Abbey (restored 1927).

Bottom row.

Hampton, Newton, Sir Nicholas Stalling of Kent, Kenn, Griffin, Poulett.





On both sides of the east windows are niches that may have held statues of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist.

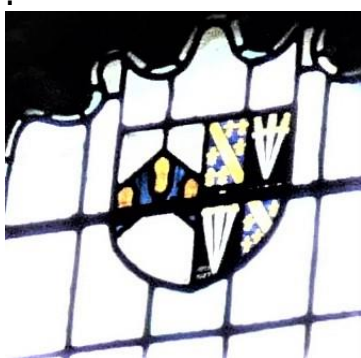
The windows above Sir John's effigy are best viewed from the chancel.







Left hand side



The shield (a replica of a lost shield mentioned by Collinson 1791) in the middle window has the arms of Newton impaling Hampton and Poulett quarterly. It was given by Rolland Paul Esq in 1927.



Right hand side.

The second window from the right contains the head of a female saint. Possibly 15th century.







The door, behind the Mothers Union flag and to the right of the wall tomb, led to a corner tower (behind it is now a broom cupboard).

In front of it was a metal flower pedestal with the following plaque



DR U DAMREL 1911- 1989  
PRESIDENT  
YATTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The entrance leading to the chancel.



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