

**YCCCART 2022/Y6**  
**St Mary the Virgin church, Yatton**  
**Part 3. Inside the church**  
**Chancel and Crossing**

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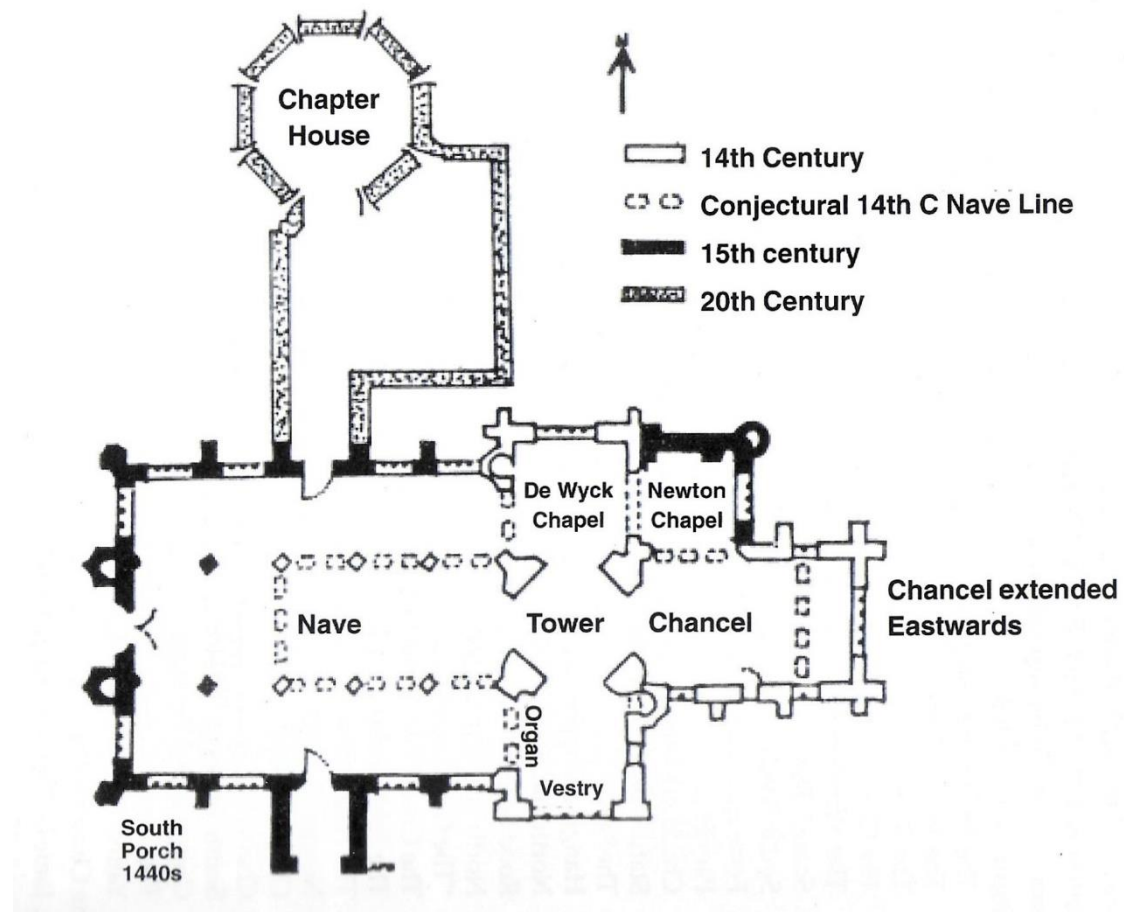
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# YATTON CHURCH INSIDE

## PART 3

### CHANCEL AND CROSSING (TOWER).



## CHANCEL



Looking east. The chancel is said to be a 14<sup>th</sup> century (1380) extension of an earlier (1250) construction.



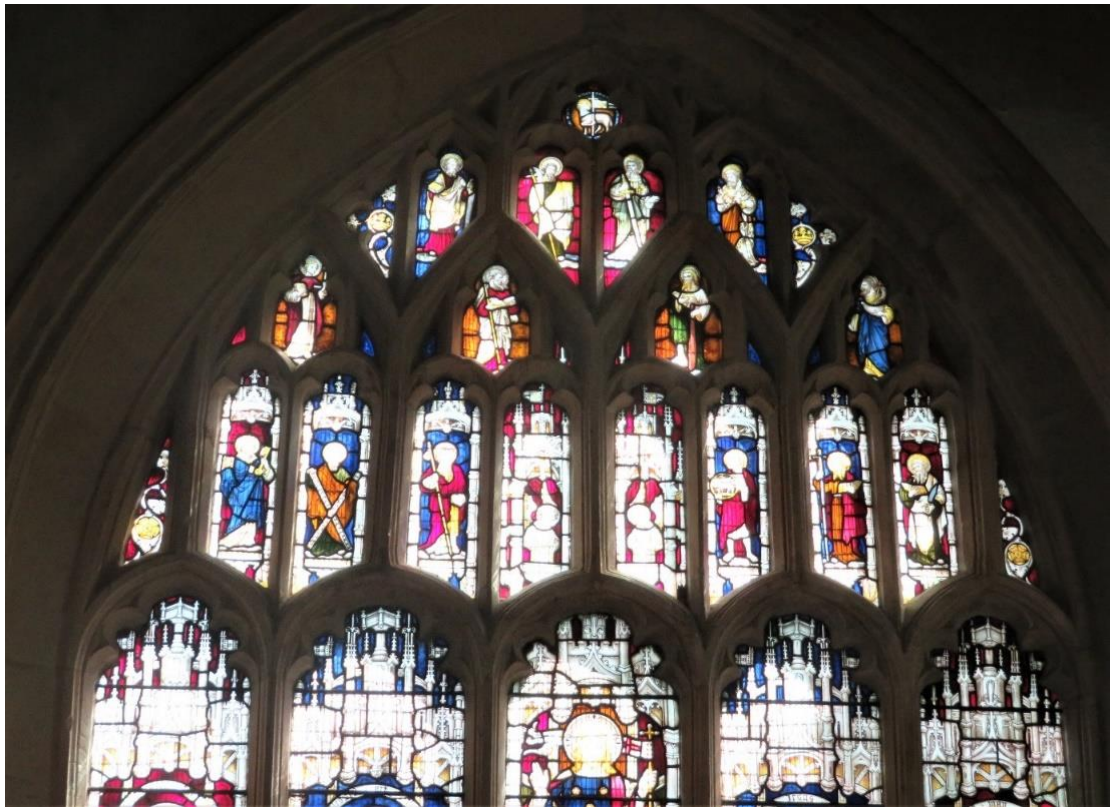


Looking east



Segment of the east window.





The top of the stained glass window. Pevsner states that the stained glass in the eastern window is by Clayton & Bell.





The bottom of the window contains this memorial:

To the Glory of God and in memory of William Henry Walrond Vicar of Yatton  
1884-87

This window was erected by his parishioners and other friends



## ROOF

The roof is much lower than the nave and retains the old steep pitch that follows the line of the original stone drip course on the outside of the tower.



The roof design mirrors that in the nave.



This plaque is on the north wall is to the right of the doorway.

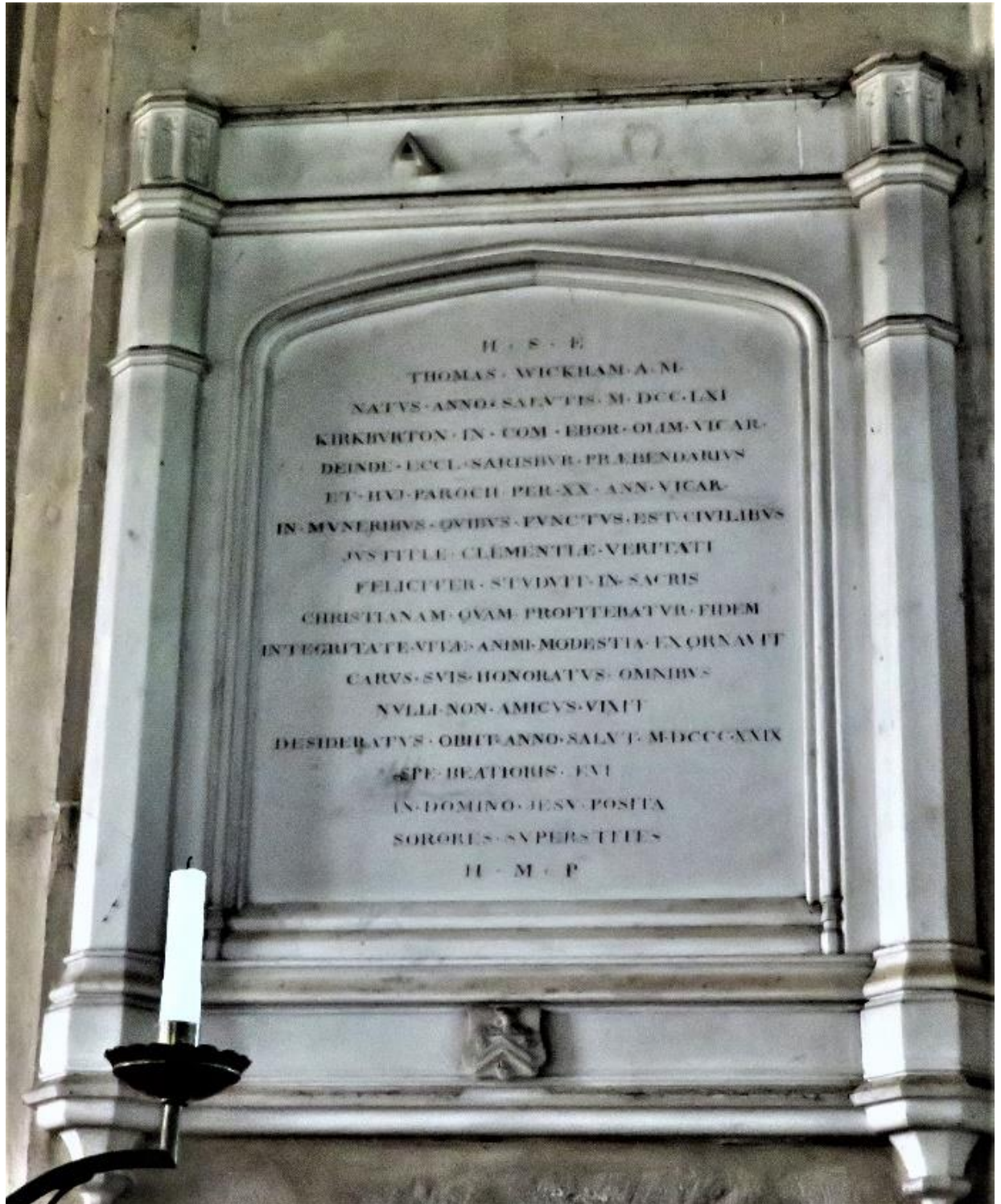


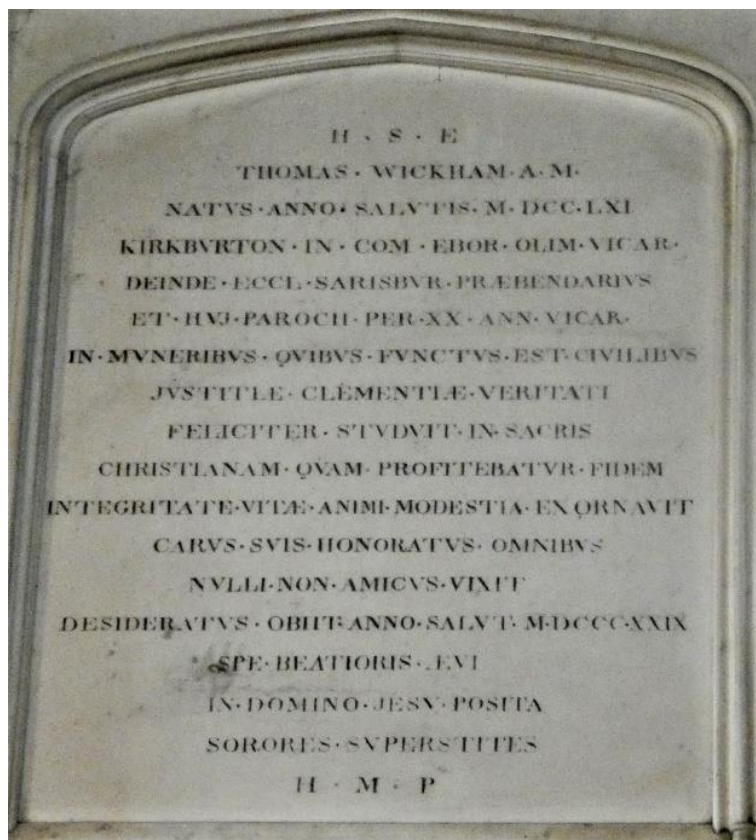
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
THIS EXTENSION RAIL  
WAS GIVEN BY  
KATHERINE A FEATHER  
IN MEMORY OF  
HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS



SEPTEMBER 1955

On the north west wall.





The salient points from the plaque are

THOMAS WICKHAM M A

BORN 1761 IN KIRBURTON IN THE DISTRICT OF YORK ONCE VICAR THEN  
PREBENDARY OF SALISBURY

VICAR OF THIS PARISH 20 YEARS

DIED 1829

The online clergy data base adds the following

APPOINTMENT EVENTS

Vicar: Chute (09/09/1792 - 29/07/1793 )

Vicar: Kirkburton (16/02/1793 - 05/04/1815 )

Prebendary: Salisbury cathedral, prebend of Beminster secunda  
(24/05/1804 - 03/10/1829)

Vicar: North Newnton (02/05/1809 - 28/09/1829)



Vicar: Yatton (03/05/1809 - 15/02/1830)



On the cafe box is the following plaque



Dedicated by  
Charles Frederick  
and  
Emily Louise Wake  
To the loving Memory of their Son  
Leslie Gerard  
Born March 1<sup>st</sup> 1905 Died March 5<sup>th</sup> 1905



The north-east window has the following memorial.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOHN DOWELL BORN DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 1786 DIED AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> 1865

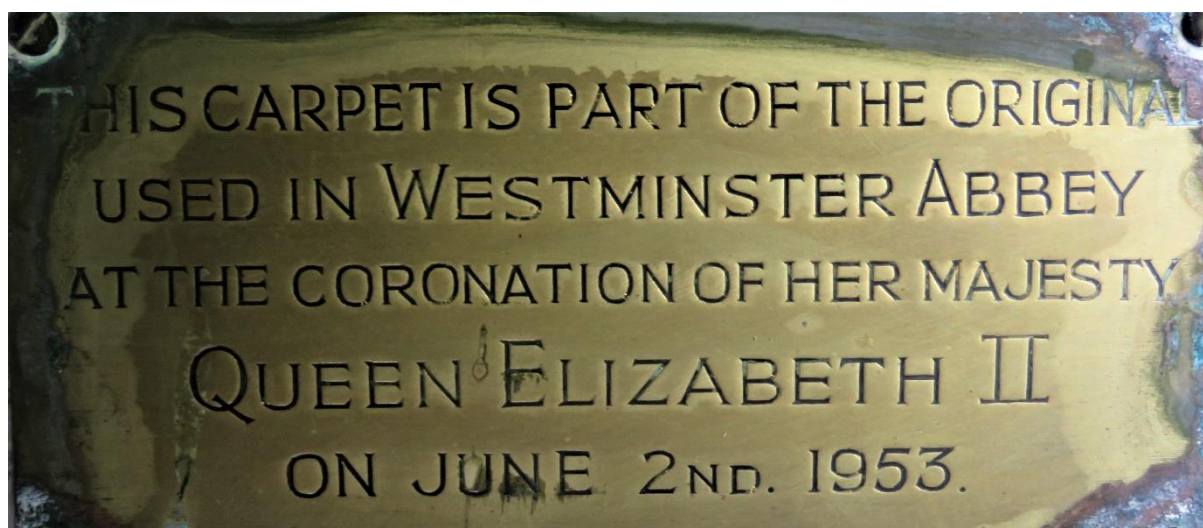


According to Pevsner the window is signed Henry Hughes c 1865

Beneath the window are two plaques



IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF  
THE REV<sup>D</sup> GEORGE DOWELL  
LATE RECTOR OF GLADESTRY  
BORN MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 1804 DIED DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 1885



THIS CARPET IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL  
USED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
AT THE CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 1953

Sadly, the carpet suffered from moths and has been removed from view.





The splendid brass and enamel lectern is thought to be dated 1872.

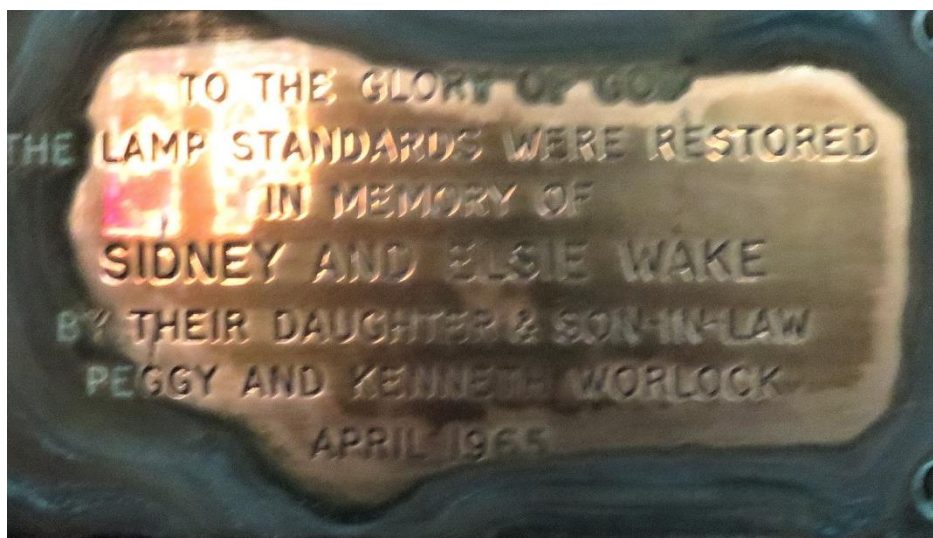




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There is a plaque to the left of the north entrance.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
THE LAMP STANDARDS WERE RESTORED  
IN MEMORY OF  
SIGNEY AND ELSIE WAKE  
BY THEIR DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW  
PEGGY AND KENNETH WORLOCK APRIL 1965



The lamp standards.





Chair and lectern by the south wall







The lectern plaque reads

IN MEMORY OF  
WALLER PATTON AGED 94  
PRIEST ASSISTANT 1916 -19, 1962  
THIS DESK WAS RENOVATED IN  
1983



The window on the extreme south-east wall. According to Pevsner all the stained glass windows on the south side are by Clayton and Bell and the one above was recorded in 1877.



Below this window are the following items:



The plaque reads:

+ To the Glory of GOD In memory of  
John Sayer who died March iv Mdcclxix  
aged lxxviii This window is erected by  
Charlotte Sheldon Sayer his Widow



Engraving of the last supper.



The window over the south doorway.





The western window on the south wall, has beneath it the following plaque.



To the Glory of God

In memory of Sarah Tucker who Died March 31<sup>st</sup> 1861

This Window was Erected by her Sister Emma Tucker

who Died Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1881 Aged

73

Tucker family memorials are also on the chancel floor.







The door in the south wall is a priest's door which allowed the priests to enter and leave the chancel without walking through the nave. This is an example of how the priesthood and the laity used to separate themselves.



To the left of the door is this piscina (19<sup>th</sup> c?).



Each chair has a memorial plaque like the one below.





## THE CROSSING

The crossing is the area beneath the tower and the junction of nave, chancel and north and south transepts. The tower, originally supported on four square columns, was in the 1450s strengthened with fluted stonework.



Looking north towards the Wyke chapel.



Looking south towards the vestry. Note the size of the columns.

## VESTRY

There is no public access to the Vestry but its south window can be partly viewed from the crossing.



This is the only window in its original decorated style.

There are four 15<sup>th</sup> century (damaged during restorations) stained glass shields, said to be of

- 1) & 4) the Vyell family of the manor of Claverham
- 2) a Popham (wife of a Vyell)



- 3) the arms of England and France (During a restoration several pieces were lost and pieces from 2 and 4 incorporated).



During the 1870s restoration the floral decoration on the vaulting was applied.







View from the nave.

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